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Emergency	**911**
Selectmen's Office	362-5266
Town Administrator	362-5266
Animal Control	362-4739
Fire Department	362-5611
Police Department	362-4001
Highway Department	362-4010
Planning/Zoning	362-5761
Building Inspection	362-1057
Code Enforcement	362-1057

Building Permits	**362-1057**
Monday Evenings	7:00pm to 8:30 pm
Town Clerk	**362-4920**
Monday	8:30am to 6:30pm
Tuesday-Friday	8:30am to 4:00pm
Tax Collector	**362-5357**
Monday	12:30pm to 6:30pm
Wednesday & Friday	9:00am to 4:00pm
Community Center	**362-5531**
Monday	9:00am to 3:00pm
Tuesday-Friday	9:00am to 12:00pm
Kimball Library	**362-5234**
Weekdays	10:00am to 8:00pm
Saturday	10:00am to 3:00pm

Closed Saturday: July & August

Transfer/Recycle Station	
Wednesday	12:30 - 4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday	9:00am - 4:00pm

Meeting Schedules
Town Hall

Board of Selectmen
Mondays 7:30pm

Conservation Commission
1st Monday 7:30pm

Planning Board
1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm

Zoning Board of Adjustment
2nd Wednesday 7:30pm

Budget Committee
2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm

Kimball Library Trustees
1st Tuesday 6:00pm
Kimball Library

Local Organizations

Atkinson Garden Club
Atkinson Historical Society
Atkinson Women's Civic Club
Friends of the Kimball Library
Lions Club

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Town Officials

Representatives to the General Court
State Senator
District 22
The Honorable Michael W. Downing,
Representatives
District 6
The Honorable James M. Garrity,
The Honorable George D. Winchell

Elected Officials

Municipal Budget Committee

Mark R. Acciard, *Chairman*	2007
Marsha Bassi	Resigned
James Blackadar	2008
Brian Boyle	2007
David Paquette	2007
Maria A. Princiotta	2007
Paul Tracy	2008
Paul Sullivan	*Ex Officio*

Cemetery Trustees

Donald L. Murphy, Jr., *Chairman*	2008
Dale A. Childs	2007
Robert P. Patuto	2009

Conflict of Interest

Richard L. Smith, *Chairman*	2007
James Hazlett	2008
Jason Lewis	2008
E. Richard O'Leary	Rresigned
David Hammond	2007
Bergeron J. Norris	Resigned

Library Trustees

Elaine M. Woodbury, *Chair*	Resigned
Kevin Langlois, *Chair*	2007
Ellen DeRosa	2007
Joan I. Goff	2008
Joanne Tsai	2009
John Mack	2007
James Halchack, *Alternate*	2007
Eleanor Feuer, *Alternate*	2007

Board of Selectmen

Fred J. Childs, Jr.	2007
John F. Sapia	2008
Paul A. Sullivan	2009

Moderator	Frank G. Polito	2007
Town Clerk	Linda S. Jette	2009
Tax Collector	Debra L. DeSimone	2009
Treasurer	Susan B. Coppeta	2007
Road Agent	Ted Stewart	2007

Supervisor of the Checklist

Martha E. MacDonald, *Chair*	2008
Virginia A. Busby	2012
Patricia Mangini	2010

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Dale A. Childs, *Chair*	2009
Evie F. Taft	2007
John Taft	2008

Town Meeting Appointment

Fence Viewers

Kenneth Grant	2007
Susan M. Killam	2007
A. Robert Stewart	2007

Supervisor of Wood & Lumber

John Feuer	2007
Martin Feuer	2007
Edward A. Stewart	2007

Boards & Commissions

Planning Board

Susan M. Killam, *Chair*	2007
D. Paul DiMaggio, *Vice-Chair*	2008
Charles D. Earley	2007
Michael D. Fletcher	2008
Dr. Joseph Guischard	2009
Ted A. Stewart	2009
Harold J. Morse, *Alternate*	2009
Sue Minor, *Alternate*	2007
Jack Sapia	Ex-Officio

Town Officials

Board of Adjustment

Francis G. Polito, *Chairman*	2009
William Friel, *Vice-Chairman*	2007
Sanford F. Carter	2008
Henry Riehl	2007
Catherine Rochford	2008
Maggie Osborn, *Alternate*	2009
David J. Rockwell, *Alternate*	2008
Samuel Zannini, *Alternate*	2008

Conservation Commission

Tim Dziechowski, *Chairman*	2008
Dan C. Kimball	2009
N. Scott Kukshtel	2008
Denise Legault	2009
Peter O. McVay	2008
Michelle R. Veasey	2009
Paul F. Wainwright	2009

Building Needs Committee

Adele Dillon, *Chair*	2007
Howard Seckendorf, *Co-Chair*	Resigned
Fred J. Childs, Jr.	2007
Sue Coppeta	2007
Fred J. Childs, Jr., *Ex-Officio*	2007
Debra L. DeSimone	2007
Linda S. Jette	2007
Katie McDonough	2007
John Poole	2007
Richard B. Wood	2007

Highway Safety Committee

William Baldwin, Police Lieutenant	2007
Fred J. Childs, Jr., *Maintenance Supr.*	2007
David Consentino, *Police Officer*	2007
Philip Consentino, *Police Chief*	2007
Kevin Landry, *Deputy Fire Chief*	2007
Robert Murad, *Resident*	2007
Michael E. Murphy, *Fire Chief*	2007
Howard Seckendorf	Resigned
Edward A. Stewart, *Road Agent*	2007
Noriko Yoshida, *Community Center*	2007

Cable Advisory

Michael Torris, *Chairman*	2007

Recreation Commission

Cathy J. Thompson, *Chair*	2008
John Mangini	2008
Patricia Mangini	2009
Noriko Yashida	2009

Town Departments

Administration	**362-5266**
Town Administrator	Russell McAllister
Assistant	Shirley Galvin
Bookkeeper	Sandra LaVallee
Payroll Clerk	Susan Farris
Assessing	**362-5266**
Assessor	Rod Wood
Clerk	Shirley Galvin
Clerk (Resigned)	Elaine Woodbury
Animal Control	**362-4739**
ACO	Warren P. Seckendorf
Assisstant	Timothy Judge
Assisstant	Donald L. Murphy
Assisstant	Edward A. Stewart
Assisstant	Robin Serratore
ACTV-20	**362-4549**
Station Manager	Erica A. Jordan
Volunteers	Roger L. Cote
John Mangini	Adele Dillon
Denise Jackson	Thereasa E. Leppala
Lee Francis	Raymond J. Viglione
Building & Codes	**362-5761**
Building Inspector	Robert J. Jones
Assistant (Resigned)	Howard N. Seckendorf
Code Enforcement	Jim Kirsch
Electrical Insp.	David A. Pallaria
Asst. Electrical	Shane McKeen
Asst. Electrical	Michael DeBartolomeo
ADA	Robert J. Jones
Clerk	Shirley Galvin
Community Center	**362-5531**
Recreation Director	NorikoYashida
Elderly Affairs	**362-4001**
Director	Phil Consentino

Town Officials

Emergency 911

Fire Department **362-5611**

Fire Chief	Michael E. Murphy
EMD	Michael E. Murphy
Officers:	
Deputy Chief	Kevin J. Landry
Captain	John Rockwell
Lieutenant	Andrew T. Cammilleri
Lieutenant	Jeffrey Murphy
EMS Captain	Frederick P. Beckwith
EMS Lieutenant	David M. Weymouth
Members:	
Albert Apitz	William M. Baldwin
Fred Beckwith	Daniel P. Beckwith
Brenda L. Boisvert	Kevin Boyle
Ryan H. Dame	Joseph C. Davey
Joshua Dugdale	Charles D. Earley
John L. Feuer	Ronald W. Gale
Robert Garrant	Al Goldstein
David Holigan	Paula Holigan
Darrell Hollenbeck	Timothy Judge
Jason Landry	Andrew Murphy
Shane Murphy	Kevin Landry
Robert Neill	Nicholas D. Orio
Carol B. Ray	Andrew Schafer
Brennan Scott	Edward A. Stewart
Donna J. Sullivan	Stephen J. Wooster
Matthew Tombarello	
Aaron Antolewicz, *Honorary Member*	

Forest Wardens:

Warden	Michael E. Murphy,
Deputy:	
Albert Apitz	Darrell A. Hollenbeck
Kevin J. Landry	Donald L. Murphy
Edward A. Stewart	David M. Weymouth
Town Forester	Ted Stewart
Tree Warden	Ted Stewart

Health **362-5761**

Health Officer	Michael Dorman

Police Department **362-4001**

Police Chief	Philip V. Consentino
Full-Time Officers:	
Executive Lieutenant	William M. Baldwin
Patrol Officer	Emmanuel R. Fardella
Detective Sergeant	Philip G. Farrar
Police Department - Continued	
Corporal - *D.A.R.E*	John Lapham
Patrol & Juvenile Officer	Justin I. Paquette
Part-Time Patrol Officers:	
Richard A. Buco, Jr.	Andrew T. Cammilleri
David Consentino	Robert Desjardins
Kevin Donnelly	Chris Johnson
Simon Lam	Jason Mazza
Gerry O'Meara	Chris Ryan
Vincent Scarvaglieri	
Support Service Officers:	
Director of Dispatch Services	Joanne Consentino
Sergeant/Dispatcher	Diane M. Kinney
Clerical	Karen LaPalme
Community Service Officer	Anthony Lopez
School Crossing Guard	Charlie McCarthy
Computer Tech	Donald Roberts
Elderly Affairs:	
Director	William Anderson
Roger Culliford	Richard Magoon
Department Chaplains	
Pastor Paul Dionne	Farther Marcel Martel

Highway **362-4010**

Road Agent	Ted Stewart
Josh Dugdale	Joshua Stewart
Spencer Bryall	

Kimball Library **362-5234**

Director	Katie McDonough
Staff	
Carolyn Birr	Janice Ananian
Roberta Cianci	Linda Giuffre
Joan Houle	Kathleen Lamarre
Laura McLaughlin	Betty Rollins
Carol Stafford	Robin Schuter
Kathleen Watson	

Town Officials

Maintenance	**362-1066**
Supervisor	Fred Childs
Cemetery Caretaker	Raymond Morelli
Cemetery Caretaker	Virginia Morelli
Planning & Zoning	**362-5761**
Clerk	Shirley Galvin
PB Recorder	Raelene McBride
ZBA Recorder	Rebecca Russo
Bud Comm Recorder	Kelly Blackadar
Tax Collector	**362-5357**
Tax Collector	Debra DeSimone
Deputy (Resigned)	Patricia Macomber
Town Clerk	**362-4920**
Town Clerk	Linda Jette
Deputy	Rose Cavalier
Assistant	Debra DeSimone
Assistant	Barbara Tavitian

Sun 'n Fun Staff	
Director	Paul E. Cardone
Staff	
David Baillargeon	Michaela Bosash
Kaitlyn Boyle	Lauren Desmond
Amy Green	Jeff Green
Sara Hamilton	Jason Hilbert
Sean Hogan	Amanda Horgan
Jill Hunkle	Eric Kolodziejczak
Steffan Lizier	Maureen Lundt
Michael Lynch	John Mangini
Erica Millett	Shanna Rose
Katy Soave	Nichole Surette
Hayley Thompson	Jonathan Travers
Nick Valvanis	

Memorial Day
A Dedication and Challenge to All
2006

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, friends and neighbors, boys and girls good afternoon. It is an honor for me to have been asked to deliver this Memorial Day Address. When one thinks of Memorial Day, thoughts of men and women who have served in the military and who have given the ultimate sacrifice – their lives for their country – immediately come to mind. Then our thoughts might go to family members and loved ones who have passed away. Then, perhaps we might think of friends or acquaintances who are no longer with us. I'm sure the recent issues of global, domestic and school violence have occupied some space in our own individual reflections, and invariably the questions "*WHY*" or "*When will it all end?*" have surfaced in our minds. I know they have in mine. I would like to read a piece that I received some time ago over the internet which you may have seen and which, although I do not personally agree with everything here does generate some "food for thought". It's entitled "Something to think about".

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wide freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We learned how to make a living, but not a life; We've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We have split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morals. We've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of tall men and short character; steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the times of more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes.

It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom; a time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to make a difference, or to just hit delete….

It seems as though every time we pick up a newspaper or turn to the news on TV, we hear of yet another tragedy. My father used to say, "All God's children have troubles. It's not the troubles that matter, it's how you handle them that counts." You might feel mad about something, and that's OK, because that is a natural feeling. But the real question is "How are you going to **address** the problem?" For a moment, I would like to speak to the young people in our gathering. You are the future of this country! Those who have gone before us and have given their very lives so that we may flourish in a free society obviously felt the sacrifice was worth the investment for future generations. What will your contribution be – to your country, to your community but most importantly to yourself? How are you going to handle the troubles that will inevitably confront you? What kinds of choices will you make? Will you act in anger or with a more reasoned mind trying to seek alternative and more beneficial solutions? I feel **respect** is a major part of any solution – respect for yourself and for others.

In the movie, The *American President*, in which Michael Douglas plays the title role, he says in a surprise press conference, "America isn't easy. America is advanced citizenship. You gotta want it bad because it's going to put up a fight. You want free speech? Let's see you acknowledge a man whose words make your blood boil, who's standing center stage and advocating at the top of his lungs that which you would spend a lifetime opposing at the top of yours. Show me that….defend that. Then you can stand up and sing about the land of the free." With respect comes tolerance for the rights of others.

In spite of all the negative press, this is still the best country in the world. Take a look around you. Our small town Memorial Day observance is being echoed all across America on this day in countless communities just like ours. People are gathering together just as we are in a moment or two of reflection and gratitude for the contributions of all those who have gone before us. I would like to take just a moment in closing to recognize one special person who made a real difference to me personally and to all of us collectively – a person who worked tirelessly to preserve the character and charm of this town that we all love. Una Collins was a lady who spoke her mind and told it "like it is". She hated to have attention called to herself and would probably call me on the carpet for even mentioning her name. But she was also a person who would be first to hold out a helping hand to someone in need. I feel honored and privileged to have known her. Many times I said to her, "You're the best friend and neighbor anybody could have" and she would say, "That works both ways!" And that's the truth – to have a neighbor you have to **be** a neighbor; to have a friend you have to **be** a friend. Let us choose to exercise respect and tolerance of others. Let **us** choose to make a difference…because **we have to!**

Thank you for participating, Thank you for attending. And thank you for listening.

Donald Latham, USNR Retired

Report of the Board of Selectmen

Another year has gone by and the town of Atkinson continues to be the ***finest*** town to live in the state of New Hampshire. It has been my great privilege to chair the board of Selectmen this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow selectmen and employees for their commitment to the betterment of our beloved town.

Allow me to point out a few of the accomplishments of the board this year. We negotiated a number of contracts, one with Waste Management that not only ***saved*** the town close to $100,000 but at the same time increased the level of services to the community. We also saved over $40,000 when negotiating the new camera equipment for the town. We left no stone unturned when trying to create value for the town. During these tough economic times the board has remained vigilant to any economic impact to its residents and cognizant to the struggle of some of our fine residents.

Some of the progress can not be measured in dollars and cents. We saw the creation of a number of fine committees that addressed a number of concerns and issues long left to complacency. These committees made great progress in moving the town forward and we owe them our thanks and our support. The formation by the BOS of: The Library Joint Tack Force, The Communication Committee, and The Pope Field Recreation Committee, proves that volunteerism is alive and well in the town of Atkinson and that together we can accomplish more than if divided.

What is important is the continuum of the input, thoughts and ideas that grow and flourish within our community!

I take my obligation to represent the fine people of Atkinson seriously, and always bas my decision on what is in the best interest of our the entire community. I would be remiss, however, if as a leader of the community I did not point out that we are able to accomplish more when we show each other the highest degree of respect for our differences and rise above those that choose not too.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you, it is an honor and a privilege that *I don't take for granted!*

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Childs, Jr.
Chair

Report of the Town Administrator

This year many lingering legal issues were resolved via court decision or through mutual agreement, while newer issues moved to the forefront and asked for citizen attention such as whether to have or to not have a telecommunications tower, or to study the feasibility of a telecommunications tower. Newer issues engage our energies with every passing year and we develop a familiarity with that constant process called change.

We remained active participants in the Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) sponsored by the Department of Transportation. This year we will be receiving $15,000 in technical planning assistance via the Rockingham Planning Commission to better prepare for the impact posed by the $400 million I-93 widening project.

Last year we responded to the public health threat of mosquito borne viruses such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile virus by monitoring, larvaciding and spraying and we are again this year seeking funding for the mosquito control program to safeguard the public health. The Department of Health and Human Services has agreed to reimburse the Town $5,700 for expenses we incurred last year as part of our mosquito control program.

During the year the Board negotiated a 5-year agreement for curbside recycling and solid waste disposal that will result in substantial savings over the life of the agreement. The agreement allows flexibility for residents to have curbside pick-up of white goods and electronic components. This will allow the municipality to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations that prohibit electronic components from being thrown into landfills. It will in a small measure also reduce greenhouse gases by reducing the number of trips residents make to and from the town office for permits and then to and from their homes to the recycling center to drop off white goods and electronics. A citizen's petition seeks to address the issue of global warming through a resolution adopted at town meeting and sent to elected officials. We are often at our best when we think globally and act locally.

Other local initiatives this year included an upgrade to and the replacement of ACTV-20 broadcast and camera equipment that will improve quality and signal strength of all broadcasts. We are moving closer to the day when programming will be available via the web for viewing on demand for those residents whose travel schedules preclude their being home during program broadcasts.

Ecclesiastes lamented that there "was nothing new under the sun," and as much as things seemed to change, upon closer examination, they remained remarkably constant. Atkinson, staff, officials and volunteers represent the constancy that continues to engage itself in the complex challenge of governing in this whirlwind of change. I want to thank everyone for their contributions throughout the year. Your efforts are the luster on the gem called Atkinson.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Selectmen

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town of Atkinson's basic financial statements as listed in the index. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Atkinson's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2005 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2 through 8 and 34 through 36 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason + Rich, P.A.

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Town of Atkinson, NH
Management's Discussion & Analysis
2006

In fiscal year 2006 the Town is issuing its financial statements in the format proscribed by the provisions of the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34) "*Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) for State and Local Governments.*" The MD&A is a GASB 34 requirement and should be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements.

As management for the Town of Atkinson (the "Town"), we offer this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2005. We encourage readers to consider the information here in conjunction with the basic financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- At the close of the 2005 fiscal year the total of assets exceeded liabilities by $10,218,742 (i.e., net assets), which represents an increase of $ 559,294 over 2004 net assets of $9,659,448.
- At the close of the 2005 fiscal year the total of assets of governmental activities exceeded liabilities by $559,294 (i.e., net assets), which represents a decrease of $123,315 from the previous year's amount of $682,609. This is due largely to the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay expenditures in the current period.

Using this Annual Report

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. Fund financial statements begin a page ????. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Town's operations in more detail by providing information about the Town's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the Town acts solely as trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

Reporting the Town as a Whole

The analysis of the Town as a whole begins on page????. One of the most important questions asked about the Town's finances, "is the Town as a whole better or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the Town as a whole and its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting, used in most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Town's *net assets* and changes in them. Therefore, the Town's net assets¯ the difference between assets and liabilities¯as one way to evaluate the Town's financial position. Over a period of time, *increases* or *decreases* in the Town's net assets, is an important indicator of *improving* or *declining* fiscal health. To better assess the overall *fiscal health* of the Town other non-financial factors such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of its roads, buildings and property must also be considered. In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the Town utilizes one type of activity to record transactions.

- Governmental Activities¯Most of the Town's basic services are reported under governmental activities including, police, and fire, public works, recreation, administration, insurance, legal and property maintenance. Property taxes, franchise fees, and state shared revenues finance most of these activities.

Reporting the Town's Most Significant Fund
The analysis of the Town's major fund begins on page 12. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant fund and not the Town as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the Board of Selectmen through the legislative body during Town Meeting, establish many other funds to help control and manage money for particular purposes (like the Library Capital Reserve Fund), or to show that the Town is meeting its legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money like the local option tax. The Town's major fund¯governmental¯uses a particular accounting approach.

- Governmental Funds¯Most of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of the fund and the remaining balance left at year end that might be available for spending or investment. Activities within this fund use an accounting method called modified accrual, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services that it provides. Governmental fund information makes it possible to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources available in the near term to finance Town services. This report describes the relationship or differences between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds as reconciliations at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

The Town as Trustee
He Town holds deposits for various individuals and businesses for contact performance, which are then returned when the contract has been completed. These deposits are accounted for in an Agency fund, where assets equal liabilities.

<u>The Town as a Whole</u>

Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole
In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, the Town is not required to restate prior periods for the purpose of providing comparative information. However, in future years, when prior year information is available, a comprehensive analysis of Government-wide information will be presented.

Government-Wide Statements

Statement of Net Assets
The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Assets:

Management's Discussion & Analysis

Table 1
Statement of Net Assets
as of December 31st, 2005

	Governmental Activities 2004	Governmental Activities 2005
Current & Other Assets	8,848,192	9,105,988
Total Capital Assets Net of Depreciation	6,530,580	7,133,690
Total Assets	**15,378,772**	**16,239,678**
Long Term Liabilities		
Due to Other Governments	4,829,097	5,250,226
Bonds and Notes	502,730	400,587
Other Liabilities	387,497	370,123
Total Liabilities	**5,719,324**	**6,020,936**
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt	6,235,276	6,520,833
Restricted	4,658,723	2,218,649
Unrestricted	1,576,553	1,479,260
Total Net Assets	**9,659,448**	**10,218,742**

The Town's combined net assets were $10.21 million $9.65 million for the close of fiscal year 2005, up $559,294 from 2004. The Town's unrestricted net assets for governmental activities which represents that portion of the net assets that is available to finance the day to day operations was $1.47 million in 2005 which represents a decrease of $97,293 from the 2004 amount of $1.5 million.

The following chart highlights the revenue and expenses of the governmental fund.

Table 2

	Governmental Activities 2004	Governmental Activities 2005
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	1,617,283	1,658,933
Operating Grants & Contributions	27,344	26,434
Capital Grants & Contributions	133,753	303,439
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	1,755,116	1,758,317
Other Taxes	53,840	88,945
Intergovernmental	10,656,645	11,565,679
Other	530,948	556,133
Total Revenues	**12,996,549**	**13,969,074**
Expenses		
General Government	644,934	621,992
Public Safety	912,594	820,063
Hwys & Streets	357,386	559,931
Sanitation	535,021	523,929
Health & Welfare	81,414	72,496
Culture & Recreation	102,962	109,464
Conservation	975	6241
Library	276,285	344,311
Intergovernmental	10,656,645	11,565,679
Interest on Long Term Debt	35,592	29,658
Total Expenses	**12,313,940**	**13,409,780**
Change in Net Assets	682,609	559,294
Ending Net Assets	**9,659,448**	**10,218,742**

Governmental Activities

The change in net assets of governmental activities was $559,294 for 2005. The rate of change in net assets has slowed from 2004 while total expenses associated with total governmental operating costs have increased $1,095,840 from 2004 levels. Operational costs have increased approximately 8.9% as highlighted in Table 3, but have done so unevenly by governmental activity. Decreases from 2004 were in General Government ($22,942), Public Safety ($92,531), Sanitation ($11,092), Health & Welfare ($8,918), and Interest on Long Term Debt ($5,934). Increases in governmental activity were Hwys & Streets $202,545, Culture & Recreation $6,502, Conservation $5,266, Library $68,026 and intergovernmental $909,034. Those activities claiming the largest share of the total dollar increase as expressed as a percentage of the total increase were intergovernmental (school and county) which claimed 82.9% and highways & streets claiming almost 18.5% of the total $1,095,840, as illustrated in Table 3.

Table 3
Component Activity Expressed as a
Percent of Total Dollar Change

Component Activity	2004	2005	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Percent Total Dollar Change
General Government	644,934	621,992	-22,942	-3.56%	2.09%
Fire Department	-321,980	-195,004	126,976	-39.44%	-11.59%
Police	-590,614	-625,059	-34,445	5.83%	0.00%
Hwys & Streets	-357,386	-559,931	-202,545	56.67%	18.48%
Sanitation	-535,021	-523,929	11,092	-2.07%	-1.01%
Health & Welfare	-81,414	-72,496	8,918	-10.95%	-0.81%
Culture & Recreation	-102,962	-109,464	-6,502	6.31%	0.59%
Conservation	-975	-6241	-5,266	540.10%	0.48%
Library	-276,285	-344,311	-68,026	24.62%	6.21%
School District	-9,775,097	-10,703,226	-928,129	9.49%	84.70%
County	-881,548	-862,453	19,095	-2.17%	-1.74%
Interest on Long Term Debt	-35,592	-29,658	5,934	-16.67%	-0.54%
Total Expenses	**12,313,940**	**13,409,780**	**-1,095,840**	**8.90%**	**-100.00%**

Percent dollar change = Dollar change of component activity / total dollar change

Governmental Type Funds

As of year end, the governmental funds (as presented on page ???) reported a combined fund balance of $3,718,350 which is a 4.3% decrease from the beginning of year balance of $3,887,761. The decrease is attributable to higher than anticipated expenditures resulting from adverse weather conditions and damage to two police cruisers. Again this year's (2005) General Fund undesignated fund balance experienced a net decrease of $41,767, down from $1,501,957 at the beginning of the year to a reported balance of $1,460,190 at year's end. The year 2004 also experienced a net decrease of $37,606, down from a beginning balance in 2004 of $1,539,563 to a $1,501,957 reported balance at the close of 2004. The General Fund undesignated fund balance has decreased a total of $79,373 over two years (2004-2005).

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, as is customary in smaller New Hampshire Towns with Town Meeting form of government, budgeted amounts for government activities are prepared for legislative approval at March Town Meeting. Estimated revenue projections are provided in early January and then adjusted in September prior to meeting with Department of Revenue Administration officials to set the Town's tax rate. While total own source revenues exceeded budgeted revenue by $155,366, a prior year encumbrance of $10,500 and the use of $287,000 from fund balance to lower the tax rate resulted in the total revenue exceeding the budgeted amount by $297,500. Use of $287,000 in fund balance resulted in a net decrease of $41,767 in fund balance as stated at the beginning of the year. The adopted budget for town expenditures was $3,670,040 however; prior year encumbrances of $10,500 for ongoing construction of a recreation shed at Pope Field led to a revised budget of $3,680,540. Even with this adjustment, the actual charges to appropriations, or expenditures, were $100,367 less than the final budgeted amount.

Capital Assets

At the end of 2005 the Town held a broad range of capital assets including police and fire department equipment, buildings, park facilities, roads and drainage structures. Pursuant to GASB Statement 34, Phase 3 governments "are encouraged but are NOT required to report major infrastructure assets retroactively."

The Town's 2006 capital budget included $186,483 in capital projects, with $96,483 for road improvements and $90,000 for the purchase of Cable Broadcast and Recording Equipment associated with the operations of the Town's PEG station.

Debt

As of December 31st, 2005 the Town had $674,214 in bonds ($444,880 Fire Station) and capital leases of $229,334 for Fire Truck and Police Cruiser outstanding (inclusive of interest) versus $828,121 as of December 31st 2004, which represents a 22% reduction in debt and capital lease obligations as illustrated in Table 4.

Table 4

Governmental Activities	2005	2004
General Obligation Bond		
Fire Station	444,880	570,651
Capital Leases Obligation	229,334	289,847
Totals	**674,214**	**828,121**

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Town's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year budget for 2006 and the tax rate. One of those factors is the economy.

Atkinson's local economy consists of retail and service industries that are located in adjoining municipalities. Construction of new homes in Atkinson constitutes the largest single business activity in the area. Atkinson is a bedroom community located in the greater Boston Metropolitan Area with convenient access to I-495 and I-93. The Atkinson labor force is comprised largely of professionals commuting outside of the community to work within the Boston metro area.

Located in Southern New Hampshire's Rockingham County, the population of Atkinson is approximately 7,000 and the increase in population during the last decade is the fastest in the County.

The tax base is overwhelmingly residential with approximately 4% commercial. The changing nature of the State's Education Funding Plan places the community in a potentially volatile financial position given that the composition the tax base is 96% residential. Whether or not a combination of a slow down in the regional housing market, coupled with an aging population and a weak labor market, will result in higher than average foreclosure rates remains to be seen.

Contacting The Town's Financial Management

This financial report represents a change from previous report formats as the Town implements the requirements of GASB Statement 34. This format is designed to provide citizen / shareholders as well as investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Should you have questions about this report or require additional information contact the Town Administrator for the Town of Atkinson at 21 Academy Avenue, Atkinson, NH 03811.

Report of the Town Treasurer
Year Ended December 31, 2006
(unaudited)

Cash on Hand:			
General Account	$6,444,984.33		
Investments	247,593.75		
Total Cash on Hand			**$6,692,578.08**

2006 Recapitulation

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2006			**$6,368,599.23**
Income:			
Interest		$153,258.84	
Receipts submitted by:			
Tax Collector	$14,092,802.02		
Town Clerk	1,365,313.63		
Departments	240,139.10		
State of NH	408,888.75		
Grants/Donations	0.00		
Total Receipts		16,107,143.50	
Police Fund Donations		15,070.75	
D.A.R.E. Fund Donations		600.00	
Engineering Deposits		11,000.00	
Total Income			16,287,073.09
Expenditures - General		(15,953,010.49)	
Police Fund Expenditures		(8,925.44)	
D.A.R.E. Fund Expenditures		(746.11)	
Engineering Expenditures		(412.20)	
Total Net Expenditures			(15,963,094.24)
Ending Balance - December 31, 2006			**$6,692,578.08**

Long-Term Debt Summary

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2006	**$400,588.27**	
Principal Payments	(102,142.00)	
Ending Balance - December 31, 2006		**$298,446.27**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Coppeta
Treasurer

2005 Summary Report of Atkinson NH Trustee Funds
Year Ending December 31, 2005

		Principal				2004 Income				
Name of Fund	**Fund Purpose**	**Balance Beg. Year**	**New Funds**	**Withdrawals**	**Balance End Year**	**Beginning Balance**	**Income**	**Expended**	**Ending Balance**	**Grand Total**
Common Trust #1	P.C.	$ 2,000.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 5,256.89	$ 116.19	$ 0.00	$ 5,373.08	$ 7,373.08
Common Trust #2	P.C.	750.00	0.00	0.00	$ 750.00	2,401.06	50.45	0.00	2,451.51	3,201.51
Common Trust #3	P.C.	1,185.00	0.00	0.00	$ 1,185.00	2,461.81	58.39	0.00	2,520.20	3,705.20
Common Trust #4	P.C.	900.00	0.00	0.00	$ 900.00	1,754.66	42.50	0.00	1,797.16	2,697.16
Common Trust #5	P.C.	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	$ 1,300.00	1,577.32	46.08	0.00	1,623.40	2,923.40
Common Trust #6	P.C.	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	$ 3,000.00	6,961.37	159.49	0.00	7,120.86	10,120.86
Common Trust #7	P.C.	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	$ 7,500.00	18,478.27	415.94	0.00	18,894.21	26,394.21
Common Trust #8	P.C.	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	$ 1,100.00	631.58	37.80	(60.00)	609.38	1,709.38
Common Trust- IP	P.C.	14,130.00	0.00	0.00	$ 14,130.00	17,619.05	901.83	(306.99)	18,213.89	32,343.89
Campbell, Ruth G.	P.C.	500.00	0.00	0.00	$ 500.00	734.29	30.86	0.00	765.15	1,265.15
Total Cemetery Funds		**$ 32,365.00**	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	**$ 32,365.00**	**$ 57,876.30**	**$ 1,859.53**	**$ (366.99)**	**$ 59,368.84**	**$ 91,733.84**
Summary Town Poor Funds										
Todd, William E. (Fund)	Tn. Poor	$ 1,000.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,932.09	$ 89.54	$ 0.00	$ 3,021.63	$ 4,021.63
Whittaker, Ada (Fund)	Tn. Poor	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1,465.93	44.77	0.00	1,510.70	2,010.70
Total Town Poor Funds		**$ 1,500.00**	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	**$ 1,500.00**	**$ 4,398.02**	**$ 134.31**	$ 0.00	**$ 4,532.33**	**$ 6,032.33**
Summary Capital Reserve Funds										
Atkinson Fire Dept.	Cap. Res.	$ 3,752.82	$ 60,000.00	$ 0.00	$ 63,752.82	$ 173.97	$ 1,491.97	$ (1.72)	$ 1,664.22	$ 65,417.04
Atkinson Cable TV	Cap. Res.	248,000.00	28,700.00	0.00	276,700.00	49,599.56	9,161.42	0.00	58,760.98	335,460.98
Atkinson Recreation	Cap. Res.	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	206.45	1,294.97	0.00	1,501.42	51,501.42
Atkinson Highway	Cap. Res.	2,317.57	0.00	0.00	2,317.57	447.20	53.06	0.00	500.26	2,817.83
Kimball Library *	Cap. Res.	611,597.86	200,000.00	0.00	811,597.86	7,934.17	22,297.22	0.00	30,231.39	841,829.25
Total Capital Reserve Funds		**$ 890,668.25**	**$ 313,700.00**	**$ -**	**$ 1,204,368.25**	**$ 58,361.35**	**$ 34,298.64**	**$ (1.72)**	**$ 92,658.27**	**$ 1,297,026.52**

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of our knowledge and belief.

This summary has been provided for the annual report. The complete 2005 details Trustees report will be available at the Selectmen's Office after April 1, 2006.

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
MS-1 2006

Land Bldgs	Lines 1 A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving. Lines 2 A, B, C, & D List all buildings.	Number of Acres	2006 Assessed Valuation Atkinson
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4			
A	Current Use RSA 79-A (See Instruction #1)	888.58	$137,849
B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	16.00	$1,345
C	Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0.00	$0
D	Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0.06	$100
E	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	3,680.38	$453,750,200
F	Commercial/Industrial Land (**Do Not** include Utility Land)	595.39	$17,114,300
G	Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	5,180.42	$471,003,794
H	Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	1,446.56	$0
	2. Value of Buildings Only		
A	Residential		$522,535,703
B	MFG Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		$80,300
C	Commercial (Do Not include Public Bldgs)		$25,220,800
D	Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D # Structures	2	$17,697
E	Total of taxable buildings (Sum 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D)		$25,318,797
F	Tax exempt and non taxable buildings		$7,236,100
3. UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)			
A	Utilities (Real estate buildings structures machinery dynamos apparatus poles wires fixtures of all kinds and descriptions pipelines etc.		$4,770,600
B	Other Utilities (Total of Section B from Utility Summary)		$0
4. MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			0
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4)	This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.		$32,457,000
6. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	(Paraplegic & Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance)	0	0
7. Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b		0	0
8. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a		4	$179,900
9. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV	(Standard Exemption Up To $150,000 maximum for each)	0	0
10. Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a		0	0
11. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES	This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.		**$1,023,448,994**
12. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Amount granted per exemption	2 $15,000	$30,000
13. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b	# Exemptions	52	$7,750,000
14. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b		0	0
15. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	# Exemptions Amount granted per exemption	7 $15,000	$105,000
16. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70		0	0
17. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	# Exemptions	5	$65,300
18. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66		0	0
19. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV		0	0
20. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			**$7,950,300**
21. NET VALUATION on which the tax rate for municipal, county & local EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			**$1,015,498,694**
22. Less Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value in Line 3B.			$ 4,770,600
23. NET VALUATION w/out utilities on which tax rate for state education tax is computed			**$1,010,728,094**

Department of Revenue Administration

Municipal Services Division

2006 Tax Rate Calculation

Town	Dollars			
Gross Appropriations	4,250,219			
Less: Revenues	(2,431,471)			
Less: Shared Revenues	(5,205)			
Add: Overlay	38,477			
War Service Credits	107,625			
Net Town Appropriation		1,959,645		
Approved Town Tax Effort			**1,959,645**	
			Town Rate	**1.94**

Local School	Dollars			
Net Local School Budget	-			
Regional School Apportionment	12,032,834			
Less: Equitable Education Grant	(867,442)			
State Education Taxes	(2,346,974)			
Net Town Appropriation		8,818,418		
Approved School Tax Effort			**8,818,418**	
			School Rate	**8.68**

State Education Taxes	Dollars			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) X	2.52			
933,190,629			**2,346,974**	
Divide by local assessed valuation			**State Rate**	**2.32**
1,010,666,694				
Excess State Ed. Taxes Remitted to State				
Pay State	0			

County	Dollars			
Due to County	880,165			
Less: Shared Revenues	(3,235)			
County Appropriation		876,930		
Approved County Tax Effort			**876,930**	
			County Rate	**0.86**
			Tax Rate	**13.80**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	14,001,967
Less: War Service Credits	(107,625)
Add: Village District Commitments	-
Total Property Tax Commitment	**13,894,342**

Net Assessed Valuation		**Tax Rate**	**Assessment**
State Education Tax (no utilities)	1,010,666,694	2.32	2,346,974
All Other Taxes	1,015,437,294	11.48	11,654,993
		13.80	**14,001,967**

Atkinson Budget 2007

Account	2005	2006	2007	Default	Change Dollar	Change Percent
General Government						
Executive	188,360	193,359	205,393	202,313	12,034	6.22%
Elections & Registration	182,998	190,150	186,192	184,257	(3,958)	-2.08%
Financial Administration	249,027	254,107	263,152	262,201	9,045	3.56%
Legal Services	14,000	33,500	33,500	33,500	0	
Personnel Admin	36,797	40,929	47,866	47,866	6,937	16.95%
Planning & Zoning	17,744	22,894	35,348	35,148	12,454	54.40%
Buildings	75,406	89,128	131,008	82,626	41,880	46.99%
Cemeteries	25,450	30,940	30,695	30,695	(245)	-0.79%
Other Insurance	14,231	19,675	49,713	49,713	30,038	152.67%
Advertising Regional	5,591	5,613	5,578	5,578	(35)	-0.62%
General Government Total	**809,604**	**880,295**	**988,445**	**933,897**	**108,150**	**12.29%**
Public Safety						
Police Department	753,781	753,540	753,992	752,891	452	0.06%
Elderly Affairs	15,253	16,982	17,821	17,821	839	4.94%
Ambulance	23,000	23,000	30,000	30,000	7,000	30.43%
Fire Department	303,168	322,051	331,369	324,869	9,318	2.89%
Building Inspections	61,520	61,510	59,678	59,433	(1,832)	-2.98%
Homeland Security	150	150	150	150	0	
Dispatch	25,008	31,500	31,500	31,500	0	
Public Safety Total	**1,181,880**	**1,208,732**	**1,224,510**	**1,216,664**	**15,778**	**1.31%**
Highways & Streets						
Highway Department	520,351	517,023	419,168	434,336	(97,855)	-18.93%
Street Lighting	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	0	
Highways & Streets Total	**547,351**	**544,023**	**446,168**	**461,336**	**(97,855)**	**-17.99%**
Sanitation						
Recycling	45,314	39,700	41,171	40,984	1,471	3.71%
Solid Waste Disposal	518,490	547,393	512,704	512,704	(34,689)	-6.34%
Sanitation Total	**563,804**	**587,093**	**553,875**	**553,688**	**(33,218)**	**-5.66%**
Health & Welfare						
Health Admin	11,315	9,162	9,162	9,162	0	
Health Agencies	40,321	40,321	44,166	40,321	3,845	9.54%
Animal Control	21,934	21,720	21,720	21,720	0	
General Assistance	18,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	
Health & Welfare Total	**91,570**	**87,203**	**91,048**	**87,203**	**3,845**	**4.41%**
Culture & Recreation						
Recreation	75,228	77,495	77,549	76,139	54	0.07%
Grounds Maintenance	24,195	23,195	27,000	27,000	3,805	16.40%
Community Center	27,573	28,876	42,667	41,945	13,791	47.76%
Library	260,189	281,445	302,138	295,052	20,693	7.35%
Memorial Day	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	
Cable Operations	43,397	41,695	48,245	43,095	6,550	15.71%
Culture & Recreation Total	**433,682**	**455,806**	**500,699**	**486,331**	**44,893**	**9.85%**
Conservation						
Conservation	**5,545**	**6,645**	**6,575**	**6,425**	**(70)**	**-1.05%**
Debt						
Long term debt-Principal	102,143	102,142	102,142	102,142	0	
Long term debt-Interest	24,005	19,203	14,402	14,402	(4,801)	
Debt Total	**126,148**	**121,345**	**116,544**	**116,544**	**(4,801)**	**-3.96%**
Total Operating Budget	**3,759,584**	**3,891,143**	**3,927,865**	**3,862,088**	**36,722**	**0.94%**

Ballot Summary
March 14, 2006

Article No.		
2006-02	Zoning Article Eminent Domain	Passed
2006-03	Zoning Ordinance Building Code updates	Passed
2006-04	Zoning Ordinance Charts, Housing Opportunities for Seniors	Passed
2006-05	Petition Zoning Article – Wetlands Zoning	Failed
2006-06	New Library $3,111,600	Failed
2006-07	Selectmen Agents for Library Capital Reserve Fund	Passed
2006-08	Operating Budget $$3,815,390	Passed
2006-09	Police Salary Increases 2006,2007,2008	Passed
2006-10	Police Revolving Fund for Special Details $15,000	Passed
2006-11	Establish Mosquito Control Trust Fund	Passed
2006-12	Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund $48,000	Passed
2006-13	Repair of Cemetery Head Stones $4,500	Passed
2006-14	Atkinson Community Television Expenditures $90,000 and Capital Reserve Fund $50,000	Passed
2006-15	Fire Department Capital Reserve $60,000	Passed
2006-16	Recreation Capital Reserve $25,000	Passed
2006-17	Road Paving $96,483	Passed
2006-18	Code of Ethics technical change	Passed
2006-19	Selectmen to discuss Road Agent Business occasionally	Passed
2006-20	Increase number of Selectmen on Board	Failed
2006-21	Prohibits active Town Employees, as well as Department Heads from serving or being elected to Board of Selectmen or Budget Committee	Passed

We Remember 2006

George F. Carter
1957 to 1960 – Former Selectmen

Una Collins
Unofficial Town Historian

March 14, 2006 Election Results

Selectman (vote for 1)

Paul Sullivan	**986**
Michael Turell	419
(Write-in)	
Phil Consintino	319

Town Clerk (vote for 1)

Linda Jette	**1661**

Tax Collector (vote for 1)

Debra DeSimone	**1616**

Supervisor of the Checklist (vote for 1)

Virginia Busby	**1621**

Cemetery Trustee (vote for 1)

Robert Patuto, Sr.	**1552**

Trustee of Trust Fund (vote for 1)

Dale Childs	**1449**

Library Trustee (vote for 2)

Joanne Tsai	**1228**
Elaine Woodbury	**1394**

Code of Ethics (vote for 1)

Brian Boyle	**1154**
(Write-in)	
Phil Consentino	55

Budget Committee (vote for 2)

Marsha Bassi	**1047**
Virginia Morelli	**931**
Mari Princiotta	760

Article 02 Eminent Domain Restrictions **Passed**

Yes	**1512**
NO	155

Article 03 Adopt International Building Codes **Passed**

Yes	**1489**
No	226

Article 04 Zoning Adjustment-substructures to be up to 55 feet in height **Passed**

Yes	**1102**
No	673

Article 05 Wetlands Zoning **Failed**

Yes	759
No	**1032**

Article 06 Library Bond for $2.3million **Failed**

Yes	**1095**
No	772

Needed 1120 votes to pass (60%)

Article 07 Authorize Selectmen as Agents on Library Capital Reserve **Passed**

Yes	**1077**
No	687

Article 08 Operating Budget **Passed**

Yes	**1354**
No	474

Article 09 Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBPO 563 **Passed**

Yes	**1367**
No	467

Article 10 Revolving Fund **Passed**

Yes	**1241**
No	578

Article 11 Create Mosquito Control Expendable Fund **Passed**

Yes	**1553**
No	295

Article 12 Raise $48,00 for Mosquito Control **Passed**

Yes	**1486**
No	358

Article 13	$4,500 to Repair & Reset Historic Headstones	**Passed**
Yes		**1350**
No		481
Article 14	$90,000 from Cable Capital Reserve Fund	**Passed**
Yes		**1128**
No		683
Article 15	$60,000 Added to Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund	**Passed**
Yes		**1087**
No		730
Article 16	$25,000 Added to Recreation Capital Reserve Fund	**Passed**
Yes		**1129**
No		672
Article 17	$96,483 to Pave Roads	**Passed**
Yes		**1135**
No		661
Article 18	Code of Ethics to Conflict of Interest	**Passed**
Yes		**1432**
No		305
Article 19	Board of Selectmen to Instruct the Road Agent	**Passed**
Yes		**1341**
No		377
Article 20	Increasing Board of Selectmen to 5 Members	**Failed**
Yes		740
No		**1009**
Article 21	Prohibit Employees as Serving as Selectmen or Budget Committee	**Passed**
Yes		**1095**
No		704

Timberlane Regional School District Election Results

		Atkinson	District
School Board Member (vote for 1)			
	William Baldwin	**1018**	
	Regina Moody	586	
Budget Committee (vote for 1)			
	Catherine Zerba	**1316**	
Article 2	Operating Budget		**Passed**
Yes		**1133**	**2606**
No		522	1855
Article 3	Timberlane Contract	**Passed**	
Yes		**1192**	**2849**
No		530	1733
Article4	Authorization for Special Meeting		**Passed**
Yes		**1409**	**3303**
No		363	1320
Article 5	Capital Reserve Fund		**Passed**
Yes		**1271**	**3020**
No		506	1613
Article 6	Kindergarten		**Failed**
Yes		896	2173
No		**909**	**2546**
Article 7	General Acceptance of Reports		**Passed**
Yes		**1555**	**3813**
No		180	666

Report of the Conflict of Interest Committee

On January 10th, we received a petition from Mark Acciard v. Fred Childs, Selectman. We determined the Ordinance had been violated. A letter with findings and recommendations was sent to Selectmen and to other parties involved. Also, in January, we drafted questions to make citizens familiar with our committee and submitted them in the event we were interviewed by ACTV Channel 20.

We received a petition on February 10th, from Francis Polito v. Harold Morse, Planning Board. We determined the Ordinance had been violated. Letters were sent to the Selectmen and to parties involved with findings and recommendations.

The Ordinance changes we submitted to the Warrant, were approved by the voters in April, and were incorporated into the Ordinance. Brian Boyle was elected to this Committee. He sent a letter to us saying he was unable (according to the Conflict of Interest Ordinance) to assume the position because his son is a member of the Atkinson Fire Department. Paul Sullivan was elected to the position of Selectman and resigned from the Atkinson Fire Department to avoid conflict of interest. We sent him a letter advising him that a conflict may exist, if he acted on Fire Department matters, within twelve months of his resignation.

David Hammond applied to fill the vacant position on the Committee. On April 25th, we elected him to the position. He was sworn in by the Town Clerk on May 1st. The following were elected to Offices on the Committee, on April 25th: Richard Smith – Chairman, Bergeron Norris – Vice Chairman, James Hazlett – Secretary.

On September 27th, Bergeron Norris submitted a letter of resignation, to the Committee, for personal reasons. His resignation was accepted and a letter was sent to thank him for his years of service to the town. The open position has been announced on the town web site and on ACTV 20.

We have submitted an article to the Selectmen for inclusion in the 2007 Warrant. The changes are meant to make the Ordinance more concise and easier to read.

A petition dated October 1st, was received from Carol Grant vs. Philip V. Consentino. We determined that there was no violation of the Ordinance. A letter relaying the finding was sent to Grant, with copies to Consentino, Town Clerk and Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Smith, Chairman

James A. Hazlett, Secretary

Report of the Budget Committee

This past year the budget process has flowed rather smoothly. In spite of competing budget priorities, a heavy warrant article load, and changing numbers from both dept. heads and the selectmen, the budget committee has diligently strove to handle these issues with equanimity.

The final budget numbers will be as follows, unless amended on town floor; The total budget for 2007 is $4,034,765. This represents an increase of $143,622 or 3.69%. This is influenced by the calendar as it was pointed out late into the year that 2007 will be a 53 week year for budgeting purposes. This increases all payroll, and associated lines, by almost 2% in addition to the 3% COLA approved by the selectmen. A large percentage of this increase is also due to the amounts from warrant article passed last year that are now budgetary items from here on out.

The only major line item changes made this year were in insurance where we decided to put all insurance including vehicles and law enforcement liability into the "other insurance" budget thereby removing it from the depts.. This change has been discussed since last year when dispatch was pulled out of police and fire and put into its own line. This represents a reduction in the Police budget of $26,806, Fire; $7,702 and Highway of; $472. The other notable changes this year was the advent of the police revolving fund account for special details, which has worked largely as planned. This account has shown a surplus this past year of $46,000, $35,000 of which have been used to buy down line items in the PD budget, also the $20,000 line item created on town floor last year in case the CBA article was pulled, has ceased. All in all the budgetary increase have been kept to a minimum.

Again, On a personal note it has been a great honor not only to serve on this committee for the last 6 years, but also to be elected by my committee members as their chairman for the last two. It has been a fun ride and a wonderful education. We as a committee work hard to do our research not only on budgetary items but on warrant article that come before us, so that we not only know what we don't know, and what questions to ask our presenters, but can also accurately assess the items value to the town. My personal philosophy is that personalities do not matter before the budget committee. If your numbers work, you get our recommendation, if they do not you get hard questions until we are satisfied enough to recommend or not. To my fellow townspeople, I sincerely thank you for allowing this 40 year town resident to serve you in this capacity. I hope to see as many of you as possible on Town Floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark R. Acciard, Chairman

Report of the Police Department

Once again, during the year of 2006, we were able to continue to have one of the lowest crime rates in the area. This has been accomplished by providing regular patrols in the neighborhoods. These patrols show a strong police presence, enabling us to keep crime at its present low level.

This was the second Christmas season that we provided a Babysitting Program at the Academy school so parents could shop alone, knowing their children were being care for in a safe environment. The children enjoyed all sorts of activities including face painting and arts and crafts. We are planning to offer this service again next year and, hopefully, be able to open it to more families. After lunch, on the last school day prior to their Christmas vacation, each child at the Academy received a large candy cane from our Department.

Corporal John Lapham has done a great job as the Department's D.A.R.E. instructor. The participation from the children in the fifth grade class has been overwhelming. I will try to provide additional safety programs at the Academy along with our D.A.R.E. program.

STATISTICS FOR 2004, 2005, AND 2006 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	(04)	(05)	(06)		(04)	(05)	(06)
OUTSIDE THEFTS	24	33	(49)	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	79	43	(78)
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	5	7	(9)	LOCKOUTS	13	5	(31)
FORGERY	2	2	(3)	JUVENILE COMPLAINTS	14	14	(14)
NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINTS	36	34	(33)	HOUSE ALARMS	190	234	(260)
FRAUD	8	8	(19)	DOMESTICS	29	21	(30)
HARASSMENTS	36	23	(19)	CRIMINAL THREATENING	5	5	(5)

Some of the more serious situations that we have to address are domestic calls. After responding, the Police Department is usually put in the middle of these family disputes. While we understand that some families are having difficult times, and that these situations are especially hard on the children, we have certain laws that we must enforce. We cannot appease both parties and try to remain neutral while listening to their stories but, when a law has been violated; we must, by statute, take appropriate action. Unfortunately, each year domestic cases are on the increase with Ninety (90) per cent being alcohol related.

Vandalism is also a reoccurring problem. Last year, when we arrested a juvenile for destroying a mail box, we asked him why he would do something like that. His response was that there is nothing else to do. Unfortunately, he may have a small point.

One of the drawbacks to living in a "bedroom community" is that there is no public gathering place, such as a Boys/Girls Club for our kids to meet with their peers. That does not, however, excuse unlawful behavior. Our department will continue to be diligent in apprehending kids who think vandalizing mail boxes or running over lawns is "fun".

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State of New Hampshire
Town of Atkinson
2007 Town Meeting Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified that the **first session** (deliberative) of the annual meeting of the Town of Atkinson will be held at the Dyke Auditorium of Atkinson Academy on Academy Avenue in said Atkinson on Saturday, the 3rd of February at 10:00a.m. Warrant articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV, with the exception of Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA 40:13, IV a. Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

You are further notified that the **second session** of the annual meeting of the Town of Atkinson will be held at the Atkinson Community Center in said Atkinson on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:30 a.m., for the choice for Town officers elected by official ballot, to vote on the questions required by law to be inserted on the official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls for the election of town officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:30 a.m. in the forenoon and will not close until 7:30 p.m. in the evening.

Article 2007-01 Choose officers for the coming year.

Article 2007-02
Are you in favor of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Section 460:2h, Accessory Uses: Extended Family Accessory Living Unit which would allow for more flexible and spacious floor plans in accessory living units by increasing the allowed square footage from 500 to 750.

Existing text reads:
The accessory living unit shall be no more than 500 square feet in size, shall be clearly accessory to the principal dwelling unit and shall consist of no more than one bedroom.

Article 2007-03
Are you in favor of an amendment proposed by the Planning Board to Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Section 450:2c, which would assure delivery of adequate public services and provide for the well-being of citizens of Atkinson without causing undue hardship to the providers by inserting at the end of the existing text the following new sentence: 'The foregoing limitations on the aggregate hours of work per week by additional employees shall not apply in the case of medical, dental or veterinary home occupations' and would also amend Subsection (g) to read as follows: "A permit to operate a home occupation shall be issued to the owner/occupant only, and is transferable to a subsequent owner who will certify to the Zoning Board of Adjustment in writing that he or she will continue the home occupation on the same terms and conditions as the previous owner/occupant.

Existing section 450:2c reads: The occupation may be carried on by the occupant's immediate family residing at the location and by one more additional employees whose aggregate hours of work at that location do not exceed eighty hours per week (80 hours/week).

Existing section 450g reads: A permit to operate a home occupation shall be issued to the owner/occupant only and is not transferable to a subsequent owner.

Article 2007-04

Are you in favor of a proposed amendment by the Planning Board to Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII, Section 800:3c thru l, which would allow the town to enhance Public Safety through improved communications for Police, Fire and Highway personnel by establishing a commercial tower with antennas on town property by inserting a new section (b), recodifying the existing text as necessary and also adding new sections (j), (k), (l).

New Section 800:3b to read:

b. Antennas or towers located on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Town are exempt from the siting requirements of Article VIII, Section 800:3c through l, provided the facility will be at least partially available for public purpose. Such Town property must be at least 350 feet above sea level.

Recodify old b thru h; and add new sections (j), (k) (l) to read:

All towers shall be self-supporting types.
To ensure the structural integrity of towers and antennas, the owner of a tower shall ensure that it is constructed and maintained in compliance with standards contained in local and state building codes.
When any WCF is proposed which may be visible from any other New Hampshire municipality within a 20 mile radius, there shall be a written notification of such application to all those municipalities. Notification shall be at applicant's expense as part of the abutter notification procedure of the application.

Article 2007-05

Are you in favor of a proposed amendment by the Planning Board to Zoning Ordinance, Article XVI, Public School Impact Fees, which would adjust the School Impact Fee Ordinance so that no impact fee will be assessed where no impact is caused by a development of over 55 housing. This amendment would replace Section 1600:5d with a new section.

Existing Text of Section 1600:5d

An applicant undertaking the development of dwelling units for occupancy by persons age 62 and over, and only where such occupancy shall be maintained, through deed restrictions, or through compliance with Federal Programs, for a period of at least 12 years, may apply for a waiver of school impact fees otherwise required by this article.

New Text of Section 1600:5d to read:

An applicant undertaking the development of dwelling units for occupancy by persons age 55 and over, and only where such occupancy shall be maintained through deed restrictions or through compliance with Federal Programs, may apply for a Waiver from the Planning Board to be exempted from School Impact Fees otherwise required by this article. Waiver Criteria to be met are:

1. Development shall not create an impact on education costs for the School District.
2. Development shall have a Home Owners Association, with Bylaws and Procedures to assure the over 55 status of all residents is maintained.

Article 2007-06 Library Bond

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,724,000 (gross budget) for the construction and original equipping of a new Library building, associated site work, demolition of the existing library building, and associated repairs to the Kimball House, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $1,734,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of $890,000 from the Library Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. The remaining $100,000 to come from Trustees Library Building Fund. (3/5 ballot vote required) This article is in addition to Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-07 Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Atkinson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling three million nine hundred twenty seven thousand eight hundred sixty-five dollars ($3,927,865). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be three million eight hundred sixty-two thousand eighty-eight dollars ($3,862,088), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Atkinson or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13,X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. NOTE: This Warrant Article does not include appropriation in any other warrant article. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-08 Wheel Chair Van Lease

To see if the town will vote to authorize the police department to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for a senior citizen wheelchair van. The total cost of this van is forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000); of which twenty-two thousand two hundred ten ($21,210) dollars will be offset by donations leaving a net amount of twenty-three thousand seven hundred ninety ($23,790) dollars. And to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand nine hundred and forty seven ($5,947) dollars as the first year's lease payment. The first year's lease payment of five thousand nine hundred forty seven ($5,947) dollars is the total cost of this warrant article. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2006-09 Walker Road Paving

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred two thousand eighty-six dollars ($202,086) to reconstruct and pave to top coat approximately 3,750 lineal feet of Walker Road? All work will be done under the direction of the Road Agent. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-10 Wood Drive Paving

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety seven thousand six hundred thirty dollars ($97,630) to reconstruct and pave to top coat approximately 2,150 feet of Wood Drive? All work will be done under the direction of the Road Agent. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-11 Fire Department Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles as determined by the Board of Engineer's Capital Improvement Plan. The approximate current balance is $123,925. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-12 Fire Department Exhaust Ventilator

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to purchase an exhaust ventilator for the apparatus bay in the firehouse to insure that vehicle emissions are vented outside? This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-13 Recreation Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of the fund is for the acquisition, design, renovations, and development of the recreation area including fields and playgrounds. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-14 Partial Facility Lease

Shall the Town vote to give the Board of Selectmen the authorization to enter into a three-year lease agreement with the option to renew with American Medical Response (AMR), to lease space to AMR within the Fire Station located on 1 Academy Ave, for the purpose of allowing AMR to house and operate their ambulance service pursuant to 41:11- a. This will enhance medical response times in the Town of Atkinson. (This has no impact on the 2007 operating budget)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2007-15 Toddler Play Set

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000) to be withdrawn from the existing Recreation Capital Reserve Fund to replace the toddler play set at the Tyke Towers (Pope Field). No new tax dollars need to be raised for this warrant article. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-16 Tee Ball Field Improvements

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000) to be withdrawn from the existing Recreation Capital Reserve Fund to re-grade, loam, seed and fence the Tee ball field at Woodlock Park (Pope Field). No new tax dollars need to be raised for this warrant article. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-17 Create Recreation Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a recreation revolving fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2-II. The money received from the senior/recreation trips shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the recreation commission (board of selectmen's approval required). These funds may be expended only for senior/recreation trip purposes and shall not be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-18 Fund Mosquito Control Activities

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $33,555 to be added to the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund? This amount is the total expended last year. The current balance is approximately $14,445. The established cap for the fund is $48,000. This article is in addition to Warrant Article 2007-07, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-19 Emergency Lane Designation

Shall the Town vote to adopt the Forest Road extension as an emergency lane as proposed by the Atkinson Conservation Commission? This will allow graveling and culvert maintenance to be done by the Road Agent who has the equipment to deal with it. It will facilitate maintenance and allow emergency responder access. The Conservation Commission has already graveled and repaired this road so there is no cost to the Town except for ongoing maintenance. Designate the access trail from the end of Forest Road to the Bonin Field as an emergency lane as provided for under RSA 231:59-A.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2007-20 Accept Granite Ridge Road

Shall the Town will vote to accept Granite Ridge Road as a Town road. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2007-21 Lease Town Owned Property

Shall the Town vote to give the Board of Selectmen the authorization to enter in a lease agreement for more then one (1) year and not to exceed 25 years, with a telecommunications or tower company, on town owned property.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2007-22 Citizens Petition
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 to pay for a study by professionals in the emergency communications field, to advise the Town on at least, but not limited to, two options to bring the emergency communications system in Atkinson up to standards that meet or exceed State and/or Federal recommendations for the next decade of service level. Said study's final guidelines, before being put out to bid by the Selectmen, will be set by an ad hoc committee composed of one member each from the following organizations (as chosen by the organization): Police, Fire and Highway Safety Departments, Selectmen, Planning Board, Building Needs, Conservation Commission and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-23 Citizens Petition
To see if the Town will vote to no longer prohibit any part-time Atkinson employee or any paid volunteer from the Town of Atkinson from serving on or being elected to the Board of Selectmen, or the Budget Committee, except as prohibited by the State of New Hampshire Conflict of Interest RSA 669:7 I, which prohibits full-time town employees from serving as Selectmen or Budget Committee member.

Article 2007-24 Citizens Petition
To see if the voters will vote to direct the Selectmen or any other appropriate Town official NOT to construct a new communications tower in the "Town Center" as defined in the official Town Zoning Map, as said map reads today until the completion of the study as described in warrant article 2007-22, if approved. At which time the Selectmen shall follow the recommendation of said study. (Majority vote required.)

Article 2007-25 Citizens Petition
To see if the Town will vote to approve an increase of the Senior Recreation Director's position to fulltime. (Thirty Two to Forty Hours per week) and include benefits accordingly.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-26 Citizens Petition
Shall the Town of Atkinson raise and appropriate the sum of ($6,000) six thousand dollars to have a professional survey and existing conditions plan done for the (20) twenty acres of town owned land (Map 4, Lot 11) at the Corner of Sawyer Avenue and Main Street. The purpose of this survey is to identify the best possible use of the existing town owned land as a potential resource in the best interest of the Town as a whole. Currently there are no restrictions on the land for future town needs. This work must be completed, brought back to the town and presented for a town vote before any land transfer/deed transfer/ and/or easements can be conveyed on (Map 4 Lott 11) town owned land. (Majority vote required).

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 2007-27 Citizens Petition
Shall the Town grant a conservation easement on Map 4 Lot 11 (former Sawyer 4H Field at the corner of Sawyer Avenue and Main Street) in exchange for a recreation deed addendum on Map 15 Lot 27 (new conservation land at East Road and Line Brook Road) The land on East Road would be used for multipurpose athletic fields to support sports such as lacrosse

and Field Hockey, walking paths, and associated parking on the east side of town. The Town land on Sawyer Avenue would be added to the adjacent conservation land. Terms of the exchange to be by easement and/or deed addendums agreed to by the Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Selectmen, and Town Counsel. No new tax dollars need to be raised or appropriated for this warrant article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 2007-28 Citizens Petition
To see if the voters of Atkinson will vote to direct the Selectmen, Conservation Commission, or other applicable Town Officials to grant a recreation deed addendum on Map 15 Lot 27 (new conservation land at East Road and Line Brook Road)? The land on East Road would be used for multipurpose athletic fields to support sports such as lacrosse and Field Hockey, walking paths, and associated parking on the east side of town. (Majority vote required.)

Article 2007-29 Citizens Petition
To see if the town will vote to not accept Wright Farm Road, located off Route 121 near town center, as a Class V town road?

Note: Wright Farm Road is a private way. A legally effective "acceptance" of the road cannot occur without a common law "dedication" of the road. The roadways shown on the condominium plat reflect "private ways" which were not "dedicated" to a public use at the time of approval. Therefore, a purported "acceptance" of Wright Farm Road for use as a public highway by Town Meeting vote would be legally ineffective.

Article 2007-30 Citizens Petition
To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and the economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Atkinson.

These actions include:
Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Atkinson encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

Article 2007-31
Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment proposed by the Atkinson Conflict of Interest Committee, which would make the following technical changes to the Atkinson Conflict of Interest Ordinance? The technical revisions are as follows:

Section & Paragraph

All – Replace "pecuniary" with "financial" throughout the Ordinance.

Section I. Election of the Conflict of Interest Committee:

Paragraph C. – Add to the end of the paragraph, "This does not prevent a member of the Committee from volunteering unpaid services to the town, where no conflict of interest is created."

Add new Paragraph D – "Officers: The Committee will have three officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary) serving one-year terms. They will be elected annually, by Committee majority, at the first Committee meeting following the annual Town Election. Additional elections will be held, as necessary, to fill officer vacancies."

Section IV. Definitions. Paragraph: Interest – Replace existing paragraph and subparagraphs with:

"Interest: Any legal or equitable ownership or right held directly, or indirectly, jointly, or in part, at any time during the term of office, or within the previous twelve-month period. The specific interests of an official or employee of the town that are subject to this ordinance as being in conflict are as follows:

A. Ownership or title in a stock, security, investment, certificate, partnership, venture, trust, royalty, lease or other equity, which entitles the owner to business rights or profits.
B. Creditor entitlement in a note, bond, debenture or other evidence of such entitlement.
C. Ownership of land within 200 feet of any land being discussed by the town.
D. Acting as an agent of a person or company in dealings with the town.
E. A town member acting for the town with a person or company who is an employer of the member, or family, as defined by Section IV. Definitions. Paragraph: Family."

Section V. Prohibited Conduct, Paragraph A.(3) – Replace "Knowingly participate in the conduct of business of the town without disclosing all conflict of interest questions." with "Knowingly participate in town business without disclosing all potential conflicts of interest."

Section V. Prohibited Conflict, Paragraph A.(5). – Move, and reword, the second sentence to Section VI. Exclusions, (new) Paragraph E. "Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent political candidates or parties from holding public meetings in town buildings, or prevent members from exercising and carrying out the responsibilities and obligations of their office or position of employment."

Your continued support in donating funds to the Police Department's Equipment Fund has been greatly appreciated. We have, with these funds, been able to purchase many needed items that were not budgeted for in our Annual Operating Budget. Again, I thank you for your confidence and support in providing these funds to our department.

In August of this year, I will be celebrating my Thirty-ninth (39th) year as a member of the police department, serving as Chief for the past Twenty-nine (29) years. As I have in the past, I will continue to make myself available to any Atkinson resident, day or night. I can be reached at the Police Station at 362 4001 or at my residence at 362 5627. All members of the police Department are dedicated to providing the residents of Atkinson with the most efficient and professional police services possible.

Please drive defensively, love and respect thy neighbor and make 2007 a safe, memorable and enjoyable year.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip V Consentino
Chief of Police
Director of Elderly Affairs

Report of Elderly Affairs

During last year (2006), we have seen a substantial increase in the number of transports that we have provided to our seniors. We have completed over 1192 transports to doctor's offices, food shopping, non-emergency hospital visits and local rehab/health centers. This is up from 750 transports in 2005.

At the Police Station, we have many medical supplies available to our seniors. Some of the appliances we have available are wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, crutches and other medical appliances. If you should find yourself in need of any of these medical aids, please give us a call. We will be more than willing to assist you and will, if necessary, deliver the appliance directly to your home.

This year, we hope to expand our services to our seniors. I would like to remind our senior residents that we provide many services other than transportation. We can help you with some Medicare problems, do minor repairs around your home, help you find a reliable contractor, and mediate with contractors who have not fulfilled their obligation to you. Our Community Service Officers, Assistant Director William Anderson, Roger Culliford, Charlie McCarthy, Richard Magoon and Robert Neill, have helped us make our Senior Program one of the best in the area.

The Police Department has set up a Senior Citizen Donation Fund where all donations are earmarked just for our seniors. We use this special fund to help some of our seniors with oil deliveries, pharmaceutical prescriptions and for special medical appliances. We sincerely thank the folks who have donated to this special fund. It can be very embarrassing for our seniors to be asked to fill out page after page of personal questions to obtain some relief with their household bills. By having this fund, the Police Department can quietly help them over a financial hurdle and help them maintain their dignity.

Our Community Service officers receive great rewards just in seeing the expressions on the faces of our seniors when they know that getting to their doctor's appointments or to a nursing home to visit a loved one will not be a problem. I also try to visit our seniors in nursing homes as often as possible. On one visit, I noticed one senior just sitting in a chair looking especially depressed. When I asked her what was wrong, she said she was bored, there was nothing happy going on. On my next visit, I brought her a portable CD player with the "Sound of Music" CD. When I put the earphones on her and she started to sing along with the music, I knew, thanks to our fund, she was going to have a great day.

Since we began the wheelchair van services, we have been able to assist many seniors (in non-emergency situations) who otherwise would have had to call a wheelchair transportation company at a cost of approximately Three Hundred dollars ($300.00). This wheelchair service is only available to Atkinson residents. The wheelchair van currently in use, which was purchased at no expense to tax payers by using funds from the Police Department Donation account, is Thirteen (13) years old, with One Hundred Sixty-nine Thousand (169,000) miles on it.

Since the current van is in need of some major repairs (and is just plain tired), we find that it is time for a replacement van. We put in a Warrant Article requesting that the voters allow us to purchase a new van by entering into a four (4) year lease program. The cost of the van is approximately Forty Three Thousand dollars ($43,000.00) As of this date, I have raised approximately Twenty-one Thousand ($21,000.00) dollars, leaving a yearly appropriation of only Five Thousand Five Hundred ($5,500.00) dollars per year for the next four years. This warrant article has the blessing of both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

I truly believe that since half the required amount has been raised through generous donations, the remaining five Thousand Five Hundred ($5,500.00) dollars a year is a small amount to pay to allow us to provide this much needed service to our wheelchair bound seniors.

All seniors should feel free to contact me at any time, either at the Police Station at 362-4001 or at my home at 362-5627. Your Police Department is here to provide individual service to all of our seniors, so please do not hesitate to give us a call.

We have a saying at the Police Station that just about sums up what we can do for our senior citizens:
"YOU CALL, WE HAUL. ONE STOP SHOPPING DOES IT ALL.'

I hope you have a safe and healthy New Year. I look forward to hearing from our seniors even if only to chat for a few minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Consentino
Police Chief
Director of Elderly Affairs

Report of the Fire Department

The 36 members of the Atkinson Fire Department have had to put their skills to work this year while responding to 474 calls for service in both fire and EMS. The dedication to training by both fire and EMS personnel has proven again this year that the goal of the members is to provide the best protection of lives and property to its residents as possible. I would like to thank the members for their time and commitment to the community and their additional 9053 hours of volunteer service.

We are currently working on specifications to replace the existing 1989 rescue/ambulance and will be presenting this to the voters in 2008. The support of the capital reserve fund will help in the purchase of this equipment, with little impact to our tax base. Your continued support of the fund will allow the department to maintain and replace equipment as necessary in the future.

We are currently working with our ambulance service provider to house an advanced life support transport unit in town. This would reduce response times to our residents and enhance our EMS system. The growth of the community continues to put a strain on our volunteers. We are always looking for dedicated people to join our department. If you have any interest please stop by the station, look around, ask questions and if interested in serving your community in this capacity, pick up an application.

The past several years we have been studying the possibility of full time personnel. The committee is compiling data that would support a move in this direction if necessary. At this time, the committee feels there is no need for full time personnel. However, with the continued growth, it appears there will be a need in the very near future.

The members of the department stand ready to respond to all emergencies throughout our town and to assist our neighbors when the need arises. The personnel are highly trained and motivated and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael E. Murphy, Fire Chief

Fire Call Statistics
2006

Alarm Activations	71	Mutual Aid Calls	11
Animal Control Assistance	3	MVA	36
Appliance Fires	2	Odor Investigation	4
Arching Wires	11	Public Assist	11
Brush & Grass Fires	4	Rescue Calls	282
Chimney Fires	2	Smoke Investigations	9
Fireworks Discharge	1	Structure Fires	2
Medical Aid Alarms	8	Trees Down	1
Misc. Fire Calls	3	Un-Permitted Fires	7
Missing Person	1	Wires Down	5

Paid Hours Responding to Emergency Calls	5966
Unpaid Hours Volunteer Time	9053

EMS Statistics
2006

Number of Incidents:	282
Number of Patients Seen:	311
Transports:	
Exeter Hospital	14
Holy Family Hospital	28
Lawrence General Hospital	29
Merrimack Valley Hospital	45
Parkland Medical Center	92
St. Joseph Hospital –Nashua	1
Mass. General Hospital	1
No Transports:	101
Transports in R-1:	3

Report of the SOUTHEASTERN N.H. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MUTUAL AID DISTRICT

The Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District is organized as a regional solution to the hazardous materials response problem. The purpose of the District is to prepare our communities for responses to hazardous materials incidents, both with training and equipment. The 16 communities that comprise the district are: Auburn, Atkinson, Candia, Chester, Danville, Deerfield, Derry, Hampstead, Hooksett, Litchfield, Londonderry, Pelham, Plaistow, Sandown, Salem, and Windham. Approximately 400 square miles, and a population of approximately 150,000 residents are covered by the district's response area. In addition, the District protects an Interstate Highway System as well as a rail line and hundreds of miles of state and local highways and the state's largest airport.

The District is managed by an Operations Committee, consisting of a Chief Fire Officer from each member community, who carry out the day-to-day business of the organization; and a Board of Directors, consisting of an elected or appointed member of municipal government in each member community, who provide oversight and fiscal management. The District provides the highest level of response available for Hazardous Materials, Level "A"

District resources include two response trailers; equipped with generators, oil spill and decontamination equipment, chemical reference material, protective suits, communications equipment, and a response truck and trailer equipped for the team. The District trailers and truck are strategically located to respond to any community requesting them. An EMS Mass Casualty trailer is located in Londonderry, available for response to medical incidents with a large number of patients. The District also maintains a Decontamination trailer that is equipped to decontaminate a large number of people affected by a HAZMAT or weapons of mass destruction incident.

Response Team

The response team is made up of 40 members drawn from the ranks of the fire departments within the District. The team consists of 36 technician level members (TMs), four communication specialists (CSs) and six technician team leaders (TTLs). In addition to members drawn from a fire department background the team also includes persons from various backgrounds that act as advisors to the team in their specific areas of expertise. These advisors include an industrial chemist, a microbiologist, a medical examiner and a member from the Londonderry Police Department. Activation of the team is made by the request of the local incident commander through the Derry Fire Dispatch Center. The team is then notified to respond via alphanumeric pagers and cellular phones. The team is available to respond to chemical based incidents at one of these three levels:

Level One - Single resource response - this is usually a request for a spill trailer to assist a community in containing an unplanned fixed volume hydrocarbon release. A technical team leader will respond with the dispatched resource.

Level Two - Team leader response - this is a request by a community for a team leader response to a community to assist in the disposition of an incident involving a known or unknown chemical. This response consists of the entry/command trailer and two team leaders. It is sometimes supplemented by a small group of support technicians.

Level Three - Full team response - this is the response of the whole District team including all personnel and mobile equipment.

In calendar year 2006, the Team responded to 10 Level 1 incidents, 2 Level 2 incidents, and 2 Level 3 incidents (Level 3 incidents were in Salem and Pelham).

Prior to being accepted as a member of the technical team, certain prerequisites must be met. They include passing an occupational physical every two years, completing an approved 80-hour technician level course that covers the competencies outline in CFR 29 1910.120 and NFPA 473. Regularly scheduled Team training is held as a minimum 10 months a year with no training in July and August. Typically training is the third Wednesday of the monthly with a 9AM start time and with the training lasting usually four to seven hours. Personnel are required to attend a minimum of 70% of the scheduled training.

Each team member is expected to promptly respond to every team request they are available for; and once on scene, to fulfill the duties of their position with a sense of duty and responsibility. Team members are expected to positively promote the Team's image as well as its mission of responding to unplanned chemical releases in a manner that minimizes their impact on the citizens and communities within the District.

Training Overview

Training Continues to be a top priority for the Southeastern NH HAZMAT Team. The team continues to train in the areas of transportation and fixed facility emergencies, weapons of mass destruction, clandestine drub labs, and confined space rescue.

The HAZMAT district has also assisted member communities with planning for Homeland Security training exercises, and provided HAZMAT refresher training. Please visit the district web site for a full training schedule, list of events and information www.senhhazmat.org

For the District,

Martin N. Bove, Chairman, Board of Directors
Michael W. Carrier, Chairman, Operations Committee

Report of the Road Agent

Hi, I would like to start off by thanking all the people who made 2006 another productive year for your Highway Department: the voters, without support from the people the department would grind to a halt. I would also like to thank all the volunteers and professionals who keep this town going day in and day out.

I would like to take some time to list a few of this years accomplishments, the budget paving and warrant article paving went well. The Town of Atkinson received an excellent bid price from Pike paving and despite the huge jump in liquid asphalt pricing and fuel, they professionally completed this years paving on budget. The list of roads included Bryant Woods Road, Salem Road, the second half of West Side Drive, Oak Ridge Road, Deer Run Road, Rose Lane, Stewart Farm Road, and Stone Pound Lane. Over half the roads that were paved had been delayed for over two years, due to budget cuts and restraints.

Hopefully with your support we can continue on with the Highway Department's capital improvement plan. Doing planned scheduled maintenance on time and on budget has always been the mission of the Highway Department. Funding a long range plan has proved to be a valid philosophy limiting big fluctuations in the overall spending on highway infrastructure and removing the need to bond work, saving the interest payments as well as not burdening future generations with our responsibilities.

Paving is the easy part of the Highway Department's responsibilities for the public to see and appreciate, but the list of responsibilities is quite long. Most go unnoticed when they are done correctly, such as, cutting brush to keep the right of ways clear, drainage work such as the projects on Salem Road, which cured a ground water problem, which was only evident in the winters without snow. The spring water would freeze and form large ice sheets, which would encroach on the travel lane, which should be a thing of the past.

2006 was a mild year for winter maintenance. Enabling the Highway Department to return thousands of dollars back to the general fund. This is despite the record rainfall and flood damage, which occurred in May. We are presently working with F.E.M.A. to reduce the impact of these unusual storm events. With proper planning and coordination with state and federal agencies Atkinson should be able to weather the storms with much less cost and inconvenience.

In the past the Road Agent's responsibilities grew to include the care of grounds of all town owned facilities except the cemetery, and managing the recycling and municipal waste. The expectations for the quality of care for our town owned facilities have risen and the demand for the use of those facilities has also risen as well. I truly appreciate the efforts that the contractors, Outdoor Escapes and Greenworld, as well as the volunteers from little league, soccer and recreation in making Woodlock Park an area we can all be proud of, as well as all of or other great facilities.

2006 was a year of rethinking and renegotiating for our recycling center and household waste contracts. Using the bid process Waste Management will remain our contractor for 2007 for thirty thousand dollars less than we paid in 2006, miracles happen, and at the recycling center the area has been reorganized and downsized to make recycling easier and more efficient. The recycling center has also been fenced in an effort to keep the whole area safer for the children. By downsizing the recycling center we freed up space to create more parking for soccer and little league as well as made room for a new T-Ball field, in the spirit of cooperation and being a good neighbor. I believe recycling and recreation can coexist for many years to come. Having a good neighbor, that's what I want people to think of when they think of the Atkinson Highway Department.

Sincerely,
Edward Stewart

Report of the Tax Collector

2006 What a year. Talk about a roller coaster ride I don't know about you but I was very excited to hear that the Tax Rate was going to be so low. Then back to reality when the "equalization ratio" kicked in well there is good news and that is we are in compliance with the State regulations. Yew it is hard for all of us to be paying our bills but hopefully now we will see that we will stay within the parameters necessary to keep our taxes as low as possible and still receive the services we so enjoy.

The year started out well with Pat at my side and everything ran smoothly. Pat really made life in the Tax Office pleasant and helped all residents feel as though paying taxes wasn't as bad as they thought it would be. Pat, always understanding, and compassionate when a resident had a problem that they needed to discuss concerning their Taxes or Assessed Value. She always listened with an attentive ear and either gave an educated answer, or directed the person to the right department. I could go on for pages about Pat's attributes but the bottom line is that she will be missed by all especially me.

Pat has moved on to a new fulltime position with a company outside of the Atkinson area. So on the 31st of December 2006 we had to say so long.

I wish her well in all of her endeavors and I am sure that all Town Employees and Residents do the same.

I thank all of our residents for being able to reach deep into their coffers and continue to fill the Town's coffers in the tradition of our annual collection rate of 97% collected. Especially considering that the Tax Bills went out so very late, therefore we had a very late due date of December 15th.

Finally I thank you all for your continued support and wish all a very happy, healthy,
and prosperous year.

Respectfully submitted

Debra L. DeSimone CTC

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ATKINSON, NH Year Ending 12/31/2006

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		2006	PRIOR LEVIES 2005	2004	2003+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	$ 418,766.85	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
		xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	$ 13,902,560.73	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	$ 68,170.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	$ 922.43	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		$ 0.00	$ 0.00

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OVERPAYMENTS

Remaining From Prior Year		$ 0.00			
New This Fiscal Year		$ 24,237.47			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	$ 7,154.12	$ 17,760.41	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		**$ 14,003,044.75**	**$ 436,527.26**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ATKINSON, NH Year Ending 12/31/2006

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	2006	PRIOR LEVIES 2005	2004	2003+
Property Taxes	$ 13,476,017.20	$ 328,625.95	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 66,743.57	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	$ 922.43	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	$ 7,154.12	$ 17,760.41	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	$ 0.00	$ 89,913.15	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	$ 0.00			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	$ 7,917.46	$ 227.75	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	$ 418,626.07	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 1,426.43	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Utility Charges	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Remaining Overpayments - Prior Yrs.	$ 0.00			
Remaining Overpayments - This Year	$ 0.00			
This Years' Overpayments Returned	$ 24,237.47			
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned	$ 0.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	**$ 14,003,044.75**	**$ 436,527.26**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ATKINSON, NH Year Ending 12/31/2006

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2006	PRIOR LEVIES 2005	2004	2003+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		$ 0.00	$ 37,278.68	$ 34,050.71
Liens Executed During FY	$ 0.00	$ 96,277.58	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	$ 0.00	$ 0.00		
Interest & Costs Collected	$ 0.00	$ 2,049.42	$ 3,723.57	$ 3,744.54
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	$ 0.00	$ 98,327.00	$ 41,002.25	$ 37,795.25

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2006	PRIOR LEVIES 2005	2004	2003+
Redemptions		$ 0.00	$ 43,418.97	$ 21,864.12	$ 6,627.10
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	$ 0.00	$ 2,049.42	$ 3,723.57	$ 3,744.54
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		$ 0.00	$ 3,420.50	$ 3,700.28	$ 2,907.67
Liens Deeded to Municipality		$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	$ 0.00	$ 49,438.11	$ 11,714.28	$ 24,515.94
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		$ 0.00	$ 98,327.00	$ 41,002.25	$ 37,795.25

Does your muncipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? no

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Debra L Desimone DATE 1-10-07

DEBRA L DESIMONE

Report of the Town Clerk

As I write this early in 2007, I can see the light at the end of the tunnel and I am hoping that it is not a train! There were many changes and challenges for town clerks around the state in 2006. The Motor Vehicle Automated Program where the local offices are connected to the state computer. This enables us to process more transactions than ever before but every transaction takes more time and the system interface with our software is still in the early stages. Patience is necessary on our part and we appreciate your patience especially when we first went live in August. At that time the state did not train us and we had to learn as we went along. Yikes! Also in the fall the statewide voter election and checklist computer system was used for the first time. Considering the scope of this project it went remarkably well. Also the electronic system allowing handicapped voters to vote independently was used in the fall elections. Although ours was installed the afternoon of the day before the September primary, it worked very well. The state vital record system, NHVRIN is working on a new mandatory accounting system that we are helping to develop for 2007. 2006 is the year I will always remember as being the year of computer dependency. I and my staff: Rose Cavalear, Deputy, Debi DeSimone, Assistant and Barbara Tavitian have never worked so hard or learned so much in a year. I thank them and you for helping relieve our stress with your good humor! I wish all of you a New Year that brings to all of you what you most wish for.

Linda S. Jette, Town Clerk

Vital Statistics
Births

Chid's Name	DOB	Father	Mother
Aloi, Emily Gail	11/29/06	Frederick	Patricia
Barcza, Katelyn Rose	05/30/06	Erik	Jennifer
Bordonaro, Marissa Marie	08/17/06	Michael	Theresa
Carrubba, Mason Robert	09/18/06	Jason	Mary
Chambers, Allison Marie	12/27/06	Michael	Kathleen
Devaney, Adam Connor	05/05/06	Martin	Michele
Lewis, Savannah Cleo	09/01/06	Jason	Katherine
Gagne, Tyler Gregory	10/05/06	Gregory	Shannon
Grosky, Lillian Rose	10/20/06	Jason	Gretchen
Martineau, Jake Marcel	07/11/06	Edward	Gail
Podesta, Roman Antonio	07/04/06	Carlos	Michele
Simone, William Stephen	12/03/06	William	Kristin
Watkins, Chase Pablo	09/09/06	Scott	Maria
2005 Births			
Bordonaro, Jaclyn Michelle	01/11/05	Michael	Theresa

Marriages

Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Date
Andrews, Christian R.	Atkinson, NH	Estacion, Regina R.	Atkinson, NH	05/20/06
Audy, Jeffrey J.	Atkinson, NH	Joyce, Kimberly L.	Atkinson, NH	04/01/06
Bedward, John W.	Haverhill, MA	Wheeler, Melodie J.	Haverhill, MA	12/19/06
Bloomfield, Michael L.	Atkinson, NH	Parasco, Krystin L.	Sandown, NH	07/29/06
Brigham, Patrick P.	Haverhill, MA	Morrill, Kelly M.	Haverhill, MA	11/22/06
Burke, Dean L.	Derry, NH	Sargent, Patricia L.	Derry, NH	06/03/06
Butterfield, Rick R.	Atkinson, NH	McNeil, Jean M.	Atkinson, NH	02/14/06
Chevalier, David J.	Haverhill, MA	Perry, Kristen L.	Haverhill, MA	09/30/06
Clayman, Scott M.	Lynn, MA	McCadden, Stephanie R.	Lynn, MA	07/09/06
Conte, Jerrod R.	Tempe, AZ	Dayotis, Elizabeth A.	Tempe, AZ	07/01/06
Cruz, Ferdinand	Atkinson, NH	McKracherne, Kelly J.	Atkinson, NH	01/21/06
Cunningham Jr., Richard E.	Newton, NH	Arel, Kristine G.	Manchester, NH	03/17/06
Currao, Roberto	Atkinson, NH	Marshall, Sara C.	Atkinson, NH	04/09/06
Desantis, Shaun K.	Salem, NH	Matthews, Adrienne P.	Atkinson, NH	04/09/06
DiPerri, Michael C.	Haverhill, MA	Forbes, Sara P.	Haverhill, MA	09/10/06
Dupuis Jr., Thomas J.	Tewksbury, MA	Jolly, Elaine M.	Tewksbury, MA	02/19/06
Finney, James G.	Kingston, NH	Hess, Sarah E.	Atkinson, NH	10/08/06
Goss, Steven A.	Hampstead, NH	Monty, Jessica S.	Haverhill, MA	09/24/06
Hansen, Robert L.	Atkinson, NH	Palasma, Janet L.	Atkinson, NH	05/21/06
Howard, Johnathon E.	Atkinson, NH	Phelps, Rebecca J.	Atkinson, NH	08/12/06
Iannuccilli Jr., Fernando	Methuen, MA	Durner, Kristin E.	Methuen, MA	09/24/06
Jordan, Joseph A.	Atkinson, NH	Belcher, Barbara A.	Atkinson, NH	08/07/06
Kampersal Jr., Rein P.	Grapevine, TX	Botte, Melissa C.	Grapevine, TX	08/05/06
Kotecha, Nikesh	Greenwood Village, CO	Patel, Masumi P.	Methuen, MA	07/03/06
Landry, Michael F.	Billerica, MA	Fedolfi, Karen C.	Atkinson, NH	03/11/06
Mailhot, David W.	Plaistow, NH	Turcotte, Elizabeth J.	Atkinson, NH	02/11/06
Manna, Anthony L.	Atkinson, NH	Margeson, Jennifer L.	Atkinson, NH	07/08/06
McGuire, Timothy	Methuen, MA	Foley, Kyla	Methuen, MA	05/26/06
McNallie, Jasson B.	Haverhill, MA	Cerasuolo, Samantha L.	Haverhill, MA	05/07/06
Murray, Nathan T.	Haverhill, MA	Deveau, Bridget M.	Haverhill, MA	03/25/06
Northam Jr., Gene A.	Atkinson, NH	Miller, Cheryl A.	Atkinson, NH	08/18/06
O'Connell, Paul E.	Marshfield, MA	Casna, Laurie A.	Marshfield, MA	07/02/06
O'Toole, Christopher	Atkinson, NH	Martin, Keriann	Atkinson, NH	03/17/06
Perry, Michael A.	Haverhill, MA	Cahill, Tammie S.	Haverhill, MA	09/02/06
Pope, Charles Gunnar	Telluride, CO	Keeler, Amy E.	Telluride, CO	07/29/06
Prokopovich, Leo G.	Atkinson, NH	Arcenia, Madelyn G.	Atkinson, NH	12/17/06
Randall Jr., Wayne S.	Atkinson, NH	Ferla, Luciana	Atkinson, NH	03/21/06
Sathiaseelan, Arjuna	Atkinson, NH	Sivarasa, Vijitha	Atkinson, NH	12/01/06
Scarpellini, Jason P.	Everett, MA	Chen, Katherine S.	Boston, MA	09/03/06
Teel, Peter L.	Atkinson, NH	Teel, Linda A.	Atkinson, NH	03/24/06
Troy, Timothy J.	Atkinson, NH	Ahern, Danielle M.	Hampstead, NH	10/08/06
Vaillant, John P.	Atkinson, NH	Judkins, Barbara C.	Atkinson, NH	05/20/06
Young, Jared A.	Hillsborough, NC	Hess, Laura C.	Atkinson, NH	06/22/06

Deaths

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Name of Parents
Allen, Dorothy K.	01/14/06	Allen, Walter / Day, Maggie
Bailey, Everett F.	05/17/06	Bailey, Willis / Day, Gladys
Bavousett, Joyce	04/03/06	Gibbs, George H. "Red" / Webb, Augusta
Biggar, James H.	12/30/06	Biggar, Guy W. / Kennedy, Alice I.
Birdsall, Katherine	09/17/06	Young, Robert H. / (Birdsall) Young, Elizabeth
Calandriello, Ruth M.	12/10/06	Shaughnessy, Lawrence / Cross, Mary
Carter, George F. (Selectmen, 1957-1960)	05/19/06	Carter, Guy N. / Chase, Laura
Chadwick, William	09/11/06	Chadwick,Cyrus / Fay, Helena
Charoux, Robert	12/21/06	Charoux, Robert / Rines, Norma I.
Collins, Una	03/27/06	Mason, Carlisle / Bickford, Susie
Cotter, Henry	09/23/06	Cotter,Patrick / Graham, Lillian
Czarnecki, Irene	12/24/06	Sztuka, John / Poczatek,Helen
Howell, John J.	12/09/06	Howell, John A. / Murphy, Mary
Kaulback, Frances	03/07/06	LaFrance, Joseph / Caron, Mathilde
Kachanian, John	09/12/06	Kachanian, Sarkis / Eynogkian, Catherine
LaChance, Julian	12/31/06	LaChance, Edward / Gadbois, Clarida
Laurence, Lee	02/18/06	Laurence, Leonard / Craig, Elizabeth
Livingstone, Edward	12/14/06	Livingstone, Duncan / Mansfield, Barbara
Lussier, Claire T,	04/08/06	Corianne, Leo / Avcoin, Lajoie
Magnuson, Joan	05/04/06	Casey, Charles / Trask, Gertrude
Mallen, Mildred	11/24/06	Johnson, Dudley / Kennedy, Ellen
McDonald, Lorena D.	01/13/06	Drescher, Walter / Bigelow, Virginia
McNaughton, John S.	08/07/06	McNaughton, William / Howe, Ruth
McNulty, James	12/15/06	McNulty, Joseph / Blood, Mary Ellen
Melia, John J.	08/26/06	Melia,Thomas J. / McCarthy, Mary
Miller, Elaine	07/23/06	O'Neil, Francis / Schulnt, Catherine
Muise, Myda V.	09/16/06	Bakoian,Walter F. / Demirjian, Myda V.
Painten, Alan R.	01/08/06	Painten, Arthur E. / MacLean, MacDonald, Mary Belle
Price, Roy Leighton, Jr.	05/13/06	Price, Roy Leighton, Sr. / Bragg, H. Susan
Regan, Paul D.	05/29/06	Regan, John B. Capt. / Allman, Kathryn A.
Richardson, Lisa	11/19/06	Richardson,Donald / Pellegrino, Maria
Rogers, John J.	01/08/06	Rogers, Joseph / Rowe, Virginia L.
Sargent, David	05/31/06	Sargent, Warren / Carey, Ethel
Scanlon, James F.	10/24/06	Scanlon, Joseph G. / Hanley, Mary
Shaw, Anne	01/10/06	Phillips, Charles / Allan, Helen
Simpson, David T.	09/14/06	Simpson, Charles / Glouwaski, Anne
Smith, Henry E.	03/13/06	
Thompson, Kenneth	08/20/06	Thompson, Roland / Parsons, Hazel
Wilkalis, Paul	03/26/06	Wilkalis, Wladislaw / Zemaitis, Mary
Youngblood, Franklin H.	09/20/06	Youngblood, Azy C. / Grimes, Ida S.
2005 Deaths		
Amorino, Silvio	01/03/05	
Broussard, Gertrude	04/23/05	Broussard, Victor / Wueldman, Jeannette
Carignan, Armand	02/16/05	Carignan, Gerard / Richards, Elivina
Caton, Eleanor	03/25/05	(Getchell), Albert / Timmons, Annie
Downes, Richard C.	11/08/05	Carlton, Dow F. / Graneay, Margret
Harris, Norman	03/18/05	Harris, Meyer / Stadler, Blanche
Long, Jean	05/24/05	Long, Crehan / (Mcleod), Mary I
Marshall, Ann M. (McKennan)	03/25/05	
Masello, Joseph	05/16/05	Masello, Dominic / Bassett, Alice
Palmer, Floyd	07/28/05	Palmer, Kenneth / Beakbane, Agnes
Quartarone, Constance L.	02/12/05	Tomarchio, Mariano "John" / Quaglietta, Cora
Snicer, Mary K.	09/16/05	Burial
Timmons, Ruth N.	11/22/05	Timmons, Charles F. / Baltzer, Gladys J.
Valvanis, John	11/14/05	Valvanis, John H. / (Golas), Demetra

Report of the Kimball Library

The Trustees and staff of the Kimball Library continue to look forward to a new library in order to better serve the residents of Atkinson. In the fall of 2006, the Library Trustees asked the Selectmen to appoint a Joint Library Task Force to review the plans and progress to date.

In December, the Task Force made a final recommendation for a one-story, 11,400 square foot building, at a savings of $487,600 over the two-story, 13,590 square foot building proposed last year. Due to interest earned on the Library Capital Reserve Fund, the amount to be bonded ($1.734 million) will be $566,000 less than last year.

Most of the savings is because a one-story building does not require an elevator, fire-rated stairways, second floor restrooms, or additional load-bearing capacity on the second floor to support the weight of books. Even though the new plan is smaller because of this, all of the library program space from the old plan has been retained and will include a preschool reading area, craft corner, story hour nook, and homework center for children, as well as an eCommons (similar to an Internet café, but with access to subscription databases and full-text periodical articles), an area set aside for teens and seniors, quiet study areas and a conference room, outdoor programming space, and a community meeting room with videoconferencing capability. WIFI (wireless Internet) will be available throughout the library, and the library will be completely accessible to persons with disabilities.

In the meantime, we continue to provide access to DVDs, audiobooks, music CDs, bestsellers, fiction and non-fiction, LARGE print books, periodicals & newspapers, reference sources, material for children and young adults, and much more in a building that has served the town well, but has outlived its useful purpose. 2006 was a record-breaking year, with circulation topping 66,000 for the first time.

In 2006, the Kimball Library was also one of twenty libraries statewide to participate in the New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobooks Consortium. Atkinson residents can choose from hundreds of audiobook titles and download them through the library's website – www.kimballlibrary.com.

We also started a Saturday craft hour from 1-2pm and host a Mother's Group that meets every Friday at 10:30am (children welcome!). The third Wednesday of each month, we now welcome Hawke the Reader Dog, from 4-5pm. Hawke just loves to have children read to her, so please drop in and read her a story!

The Summer Reading Program for 2006 was Treasure Reading, using a pirate theme for programs, crafts, and entertainment. Steve Blunt, an award-winning musician and storyteller, kicked things off with a program at the Community Center for the whole family. The NH Massabesic Audubon Society provided a Treasure Hunt, an introduction to orienteering. Another program was Trash to Treasures, using the imagination to create something from recycled materials. Children created glow stones for money and a sky watch diary for tracking clouds. There were plenty of eye patches and tattoos for everyone, and children brought home items they had made – compasses, Jolly Rogers flags, and swashbucklers' swords. Family Pirates' Night Out, featuring Almodarr's Grand Illusion and Double Vision, was held at the Performing Arts Center. This program was sponsored by the four public libraries in the Timberlane district. The finale was a Pirate Feast and Farewell with ice cream sundaes and free books as prizes.

Many of the programs and services that are not included in our operating budget are provided through the generosity of the Friends of the Kimball Library. In 2006, events included a talk by author Titia Bozuwa on her book *In the Shadow of the Cathedral: Growing Up in Holland During World War II*, classes in oil painting and Russian doll painting, a Mad Science workshop for children, their second annual Peddlers'

Market, their bi-annual book and flea sales, and the annual trip to Tanglewood.

The Friends also provided books that were nominated for NHs Flume, Great Stone Face, Isinglass, and Ladybug awards; refrigerator magnets with the library's hours, web address, and contact information; renewal of the library's motion picture license; passes to Butterfly Place and to the children's museums in Boston and Portsmouth; the ice cream social, a puppet, and supplies for the Summer Reading Program; snacks for the Teen Book Discussion Group; and a train table for the Children's Room.

The Friends joined with the Trustees in raising funds for the new library, holding a raffle at the Trustees' Beatlejuice fundraiser and through a letter campaign. They also provided a Big Belly Bank for the library's Spare Change Campaign. Of note in 2006, the Friends received their 501c3 tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service, so donations to the Friends are now officially tax deductible. The Friends meet the third Wednesday of every month at 10am at the library. New members are always welcome!

In 2007, we look forward to continuing to provide you with new and better service, as we also look forward to being able to expand our programs and services in a new library building.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie McDonough
Library Director

*** Our Volunteers ***

The people who make it all possible

Laurel Albright, Jim Alosi, Kirsten Crescenzo, Laura Crocco, Sarah DeAngelo, Thibaut Delloue, Kevin Farley, Shalita Gaouette, David Manikian, Sue McGinley, Sarah Reynolds, Betty Rollins, Eugenia Schipelliti, and Tiffany Tamagini

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Kimball Library for the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Savings Account			
Beginning Balance - January 1, 2006			$ 3,329.89
Receipts:			
Greeting Cards		$ 87.00	
Fund Raisers		28,908.34	
Spare Change Campaign		814.05	
e-bay Book Sales		118.86	
Donations		1,493.25	
Interest		61.39	31,482.89
			34,812.78
Transferred to Checking Account			-4,937.86
Ending Balance December 31, 2006			$ 29,874.92
Building Fund Certificate of Deposit			
Beginning Balance - January 31, 2006			$ 11,408.68
Interest			505.45
Ending Balance - December 31, 2006			$ 11,914.13

Thomas P. and Charlotte LeBosquet
Book Fund Certificate of Deposit

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2006	$ 50,796.26	
Interest	1,925.73	
	52,721.99	
Withdrawal of Interest (Includes Some from 2005)	2,236.58	
Ending Balance - December 31, 2006		$ 50,485.41

Checking Account

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2006		$ 5,247.49	
Receipts:			
Book Fines	$ 4,157.92		
Video, CD and DVD Fines	2,642.00		
Copies	812.70		
Lost Books	261.00		
Book Sales	1,340.65		
New & Non-Resident Cards	163.75		
Grants	1,600.00		
Book Fund CD Interest		2,236.58	
Transferred from Savings Account		2,175,15	
Reimbursements		1,528.75	
Donation for Books	150.00		
Beatlejuice Concert	6,658.00		
Halloween Program	190.00		
Memorials	315.00	24,231.50	
Total Receipts		29,478.99	
Expenditures:			
Books	3505.00		
CDs and DVDs		6,396.51	
Museum Passes		2,350.00	
Programs	2,149.30		
Equipment Maintenance		525.00	
Mailings		1,473.64	
Supplies		784.50	
Miscellaneous	1,310.75		
Fund Raisers	5,693.38		
Total Expenditures		24,188.08	
Ending Balance - December 31, 2006			$ 5,290.91

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Goff, Treasurer
Board of Trustees
Kimball Library

Report of the Building Inspector

2006 Building Permit activity slowed with only 6 New Residential Single Family Home permits issued and no new condominiums. Most of the town's permitting was for additions, remodeling, roofing and siding.

Monthly Building Permit Reports are posted on the Atkinson Web Site www.town-atkinsonnh.com and information relative to requirements for a building permit and pool permit are also available.

All Inspectors are available to the Public on Monday evenings 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. for questions and permit applications. Plan ahead you may discover that you need a Variance for your project and town Board's generally meet but once a month.

At present the following Codes are in effect: International Building Code, Edition 2003; Building Residential, Fire, Fuel Gas, Mechanical & Plumbing, National Electrical Code, Edition 2005; State Energy Code, Edition 2000.

**REMINDER - Building Permits are required for Siding, Roofing, all Deck Construction and Finished Basements. New Codes are in effect relative to finishing basements and it is important to check with the building office early in your planning.

2006 Building Permits issued were for the following:

Residential New Single Family		(6)
Foundations		(6)
Commercial		(3)
Residential Condominiums		(0)
Extra Features:	Above Ground Pools	(3)
	Inground Pools	(8)
Alterations:	Decks, Finish Basements	
	Handicamp Ramp and Other	(26)
Additions:	Garages, Family Rooms,	
	Accessory Living Unit	
	3 Season Rooms	(42)
Remodel:	Siding, Windows, Roofs, Interiors	(152)
Demolition:	Buildings; Kitchen removal	(4)

Total estimated value of construction $ 7,865,212

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Jones, Building Inspector

Report of the Planning Board

Highlights for the year include a contract with Rockingham Planning Commission for them to provide Atkinson with Circuit Rider services to assist us in Plan Reviews. This will keep us closely attuned to regional planning issues, and changes in state guidelines as they come along. At the same, the Selectmen made a decision to take a new look at Engineering Services for Atkinson, and after a Request For Proposal process they interviewed candidate companies, and opted to engage the services of Vollmer Associates as Town Engineers.

During the March Town Meeting the Planning Board put forth a successful zoning article to allow larger buildings in the Sports Complex/Residential District. We also updated the Building Code in line with latest national revisions. We also added new wording with regard to eminent domain to more effectively protect the right of individuals.
A group of citizens joined Planning Board members to work on a Survey that will be used to gain citizen input for the development of the next Master Plan, which should be completed during 2007. The survey is to be conducted using the services of the UNH Survey Center.

One of the most exciting and fun projects during 2006 was the application to the State to designate portions of Main Street as a Scenic and Cultural Byway. The members of the Historical Society worked tirelessly to produce an album of photos and maps and descriptions to accompany the application. Late in the year we received a call from the State to say that they accepted our application and are willing to grant the designation. One more step to be taken during 2007 is a Public Hearing for the Town to decide to accept the designation.

Development over the course of 2006 was minimal. We reviewed and granted one application for the construction of a Warehouse/Office building on Industrial Way.
We approved the creation of one new building lot at the corner of Page Lane off Main Street.

We also approved 4 Lot Line Adjustments on existing lots.We finished the year by beginning the review of an application that will lead to the creation of 9 multi-unit condominium buildings within the golf course. This is a new style of housing in Atkinson, and will be populated by residents over the age of 55. This is a large project that will take years to complete. We anticipate a financial benefit to the Town with this type of housing.

As in years past, we invite you, the Citizen, to come and participate in our process. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays each month. The first meeting is devoted to Workshop activities, and the last one is devoted to Public Hearings. We welcome your participation and input always.

Sue Killam
Chairman
Atkinson Planning Board

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Hearings during the year 2006 were concerned with requests for the following:

Variances	11
Administrative Appeals	1
Special Exceptions	18
Rehearing requests	1

THIS YEAR HEARING RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Purpose of Hearing	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Variances to:			
Wetlands	6		1
Sideline	1		
Frontage	1		
Buffer			1
Permitted Use	1		
Special Exception:			
Home Business:			
New	2		1
Renewals	4		
Expansion	1		
Exemptions	5		
Conversions	2		
Accessory Living Unit	1		
Expansion of Non-Conf.	2		
Rehearing	1		
Appeals	1		

** Records of all public hearings and decisions are maintained in the Zoning Board of Adjustment Office and available for public review.

Go to Atkinson Web Page www.town-atkinsonnh.com for zoning information regarding the following: Accessory Living Units (In-law apartments); Home business regulations; Seasonal Conversions; Zoning, Special Exception & Appeal Application and instructions.

Respectfully Submitted
Frank Polito, Chairman

Report of the Recreation Commission

We are so pleased that the new bridge is completed! The trucks, the dirt and the construction equipment will soon be all gone! But the Community Center remains, with improved access and visibility. Our Center remains the heart of the Recreation Commission – please read the attached summary of the activities and events, which were held throughout 2006. As usual, our trips and events crossed several states and spanned many venues.

An integral part of the services provided by Recreation are our volunteers. When you look at the variety of events held throughout the year, those sponsored solely by the Commission, as well as those held in concert with other town or civic organizations, the generosity and ingenuity of our volunteers is impressive. As 2007 begins, we all feel the loss of one of our most vocal and dedicated volunteers – Una Collins, who sadly left us in March, 2006.

We announced last year that a Master Plan Committee was in the works. We are pleased to report that it is alive and well. The Committee meets monthly at the Town Hall and is comprised of volunteers from Recreation, Conservation, the senior community, parents and members of various youth sports groups. Progress has already been made on renovations to the playground at the Woodlock Recreation Area (Pope Field) and we have raised over $5000.00 through donations and sign sponsors. The Committee is working on ideas for future development of recreation facilities and welcomes new input and members.

We look forward to another productive season of Recreation activities. New ideas and new members are always welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Mangini
Cathy J. Thompson
Noriko Yoshida-Travers

Report of the Community Center and Senior Programs

2006 was another busy year for the Atkinson Community Center. In spite of the bridge construction, our center was well used by over forty-five (45) nonprofit organizations for their weekly and monthly meetings. Also, special events and gatherings were held, including the Garden Club's annual Green Sale; Atkinson Women's Civic Club's Town Wide Yard Sale; Lions Club - Citizen of the Year Celebration; Friends of Kimball Library's Vender Fair; Pancake Breakfasts by five (5) different groups; Red Cross Blood Drives; Spaghetti Suppers and more. The town Committees and Departments made good use of our center: Supervisors' check list; Police Department Holiday party; Fire Arm Safely Class by the Police Department; Kimball Library Children's Programs; Recreation Master Plan Committee; Friends of Playground Committee: Four - Town Recreation directors meeting; Sun 'N Fun Counselors training and town Elections.

Town residents can rent out the Atkinson Community Center for private function and business related event for a very reasonable fee. The popularity of the Center is evident in bookings for: fifteen (15) Baby Showers; five (5) Bridal Showers; six (6) Birthday Parties; two (2) Anniversary Parties; one (1) Christening Party; One (1) Wedding Reception; One (1) Bat Mitzvah Party; four (4) Graduation Parties and one (1) weekly business meeting.

The Atkinson Community Center is also the hub for our Senior Citizens' activities. This past year saw the following events: four (4) luncheons with entertainment - free to seniors over 65; Tai Chi; Yoga; Wellness Fitness; weekly Bridge; Veteran's Club and monthly Foot Clinics by VNA.

I am very pleased to announce that we received $700.00 grant for Senior Wellness from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services in February, 2006. From that grant we were able to serve FREE 9-week Wellness Fitness Classes for twenty-five (25) senior citizens. I am hoping to receive another grant this year.

Seniors and town residents enjoyed many day trips: Foxwoods Casino; Mohegan Sun Casino; Indian Head Resort; New England Spring Flower Show; NH State House tour; 3-Day trip to Montreal-Quebec; Cape Cod-Scallop Festival; Foliage Trip to Fruit Land,; Yankee Candle- Bright Nights tip; Red Sox Game; Musical – Menopause; Les Miserables; Damn Yankees; Hair Spray and the Rockettes.

The last Senior event of 2006 was the New Year's Eve Celebration held with Plaistow, Danville and Sandown at the Vic Geary Center. Everybody had a fantastic time – they all know how to have a great time!

Our plans for this year include sending the seniors to a 4-Day Philadelphia trip in the spring, four (4) luncheons, and a brand-new social event - Mardi Gras! Scheduled town-wide events for this year include three (3) Red Sox Games trips. Please look for registration dates.

In closing, thank-you to all of the residents who support the Community Center programs and all of the volunteers who support the Recreation/Senior programs. As always, I welcome new ideas!

Respectfully submitted,

Noriko Yoshida-Travers

Report of ACTV-20

2006 certainly has brought a lot of changes to Atkinson Community Television and what a difference a year makes! It is almost hard to remember what those old broadcasts looked like, even though we all lived with them for so long.

In 2005 Atkinson residents saw the quality of broadcasts continue to decline despite the best efforts of ACTV staff. It was no secret that the ACTV equipment was wearing out and new equipment was badly needed. As 2005 came to a close it was decided that the best course of action was to ask the voters to withdraw all the money needed to replace Atkinson Community Television's old equipment. It was a tough decision to make since the last few attempts by ACTV to withdraw funds from the Capital Reserve account were unsuccessful. Throughout 2005 Atkinson Community Television staff had worked to clearly explain why the equipment was needed and how the equipment was to be paid for. All of our hard work paid off.

After several years of trying, voters in 2006 approved a Warrant Article to withdraw $90,000 from the Cable Television Capital Reserve account to purchase the new equipment. A lot of thought and discussion was involved in the selection of new equipment. It was important to the Board of Selectmen that it be determined how the equipment would serve our current needs, as well as how it would fit into the future needs and goals of Atkinson Community Television and the Town of Atkinson. Everyone involved worked hard to ensure that when the equipment was purchased, the Town would get the best equipment at the best price possible. All of our hard work was worth it. Working with the TA and the Board of Selectmen we were able to purchase all of the equipment that ACTV needed for under $63,000.00

Our work, however, is not finished. As many of you know, Atkinson Community Television continues to operate out of a very small space. As anyone who has been to the Town Hall recently can see, every office is bursting at the seams and every department is in need of more room.

A lot of work has been done to develop plans for an expansion to the Town Hall.
Until Atkinson Community Television is able to get the space we need, Atkinson Community Television will continue to keep departmental costs as low as possible and deposit excess funds from cable franchise fees into the Cable TV Capital Reserve Fund. Hopefully, in 2008 the plans for this expansion will go forward and the in the Cable Television Capital Reserve Fund will be used build and equip studio and office space.

Until then, Atkinson Community Television will continue to improve and expand our programs and services. The purchase of new cameras and editing equipment has made it easier than ever for residents to produce the show they want to see of Atkinson Community Television. Remember – ACTV provides the equipment and training, you provide the time and the talent. It is the work of residents like you that makes all the programs on ACTV possible. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or complaints, please feel free to call me at 362-4549. Thank you all for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica Jordan, Station Manager

Report of the Conservation Commission

This year the Conservation Commission continued our efforts to protect and preserve open space for the town while making the town conservation lands more accessible for the public.

The town trails map which we printed last year were a great success, and we quickly went through the entire print run. This year we printed a revised edition with some trail corrections. The new maps also identify which of the major town lands allow hunting and which don't. The new maps are available at town hall and in the trailhead mailboxes.

We completed four trail improvement projects. Scout Troop 95 did further clearing on the trail from Woodlawn Avenue to Sawmill Swamp, and we thank them on behalf of the town for all the hard work. The west entrance to the Sawyer conservation lands from Forest Road had become nearly impassible; so we regravelled that to improve access for hikers, further trail maintenance, and emergency vehicles. We completed a surveying project to mark the center entrance to the Sawyer parcel so that we can clear a parking area there, We also had concrete markers set at the town canoe launch on Stickney Road to identify where the public can park to launch canoes and kayaks on Big Island Pond.

There were two land acquisition projects in 2006. We negotiated the purchase of a small parcel west of Sawmill Swamp. We also purchased a 10-acre parcel at the junction of Linebrook and East Roads. We are proposing to exchange recreational use of this land for conservation protection of the town owned land on the east end of Sawyer Avenue. We hope you will support our warrant article to protect the Sawyer land, which has traditionally been used as a conservation area but is available for development and will be developed unless the voters put a conservation easement on it.

Last year we also worked with the Planning Board on the project to seek Scenic Byway status for Main Street. This has cleared the major state hurdles and is awaiting public hearings before going back to the state for approval.

The Commission has a website which is linked off the town's website at http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com. The town trails map is online there as a downloadable PDF file which you can print out. We meet in the town hall at 7PM on the first Monday of the month. Feel free to come by.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Dziechowski, Chairman

Report of Family Mediation

2006 was a year of growth for our agency. We provided services to 1435 youth and parents from the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem, NH.

Besides funding received from the above towns, monies were also received from Heritage United Way, the Rockingham County Incentive Funds and private donations. Please visit us at *www.fmjs.org* to learn more about the programs and services we have to offer, at low or no cost, to residents and their families in need of support.

2006 achievements included:

- Our diversion courses all sustained substantial increases in attendance over 2005: stop shoplifting 52%, anger management 45%, drug and alcohol 39%;
- Referrals to the agency increased by 24%;
- Youth placed at community service sites - 1143 hours of service returned to the community;
- $6,170.50 in monetary restitution was returned to the victims;
- Peer Mediation workshops were held at Sanborn and Timberlane Regional Schools and also at the Hampstead Middle School;
- More fundraising initiatives were held, allowing us to sustain and improve programs; and
- Over 66 volunteers attended our 'Holiday Gathering' – our annual appreciation night.

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services is dedicated to serving area youth and families. We would again like to thank the townspeople, judges, police departments, schools, donors, volunteers (mediators, community service supervisors, etc.) and the staff, who make it all possible.

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services Board of Directors

Laura Bertogli, *Newton*
Andrea Bonner, *Kingston*
Rose Cavalear, *Atkinson*
Dale Childs, *Hampstead*
Debra DeSimone, *Atkinson*
Dick Gerrish, *Kingston*
Marta Modigliani, *Danville*
Kathleen Marino, *Newton*
Dan Poliquin, *Plaistow*
Roclyn Porter, *Hampstead*
Barbara Tavitian, *Plaistow*

Town of Atkinson
Application for Committee Appointment

One of the advantages of living in a small town is the ability to participate in and contribute to the activities and programs, which are offered by the Town to its residents. Atkinson is fortunate to have a history of strong volunteerism and offers the opportunity to all residents of the Town to continue this tradition.

Boards, commissions, and committee are made up of volunteers. Community Center and recreation programs, public access TV, parades, celebrations, and beautification projects are successful due to the efforts of the Atkinson residents.

If you are a registered voter of Atkinson and would like to serve as a member on one of the following, please note your area of interest and return this form to the Selectmen's Office. Thank you.

_____ Board of Adjustment _____ Building Needs Committee

_____ Cable TV Advisory Committee _____ Conservation Commission

_____ Highway Safety Committee _____ Planning Board

_____ Recreation Commission _____ Recycling Committee

_____ Other _____

Qualifications: _____

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Questions/Suggestions:

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Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

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